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Frank Graham, Jr., with Carl W. Buchmeister. *The Audubon Ark: A History of the National Audubon Society*. 336 pp., bibliography, index. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1990. \$29.95.

Both Graham and Buchmeister worked for the National Audubon Society, which gave them an insider's view and knowledge of much of the history of the Society, but at the risk of unintended bias. The book covers the outside conditions (such as plume hunting and the relative paucity of seabirds along the New England coast) which gave rise to the Society, early efforts before the society was established, the successes, failures, and internal disputes of the Society, and its cooperation with and disputes with other organizations and various governmental units. An interesting item from the background information given throughout the book is that in the early days, in the Deep South, "small birds such as robins and bobolinks were shot regularly for food and could be seen for sale in the shops, 'strung up like onions.'"

Connie Toops. *The Enchanting Owl*. Stillwater, MN: Voyageur Press. 128 pp., bibliography, index, 100 color photographs. \$27.95 hardcover, \$17.95 softcover.

This book covers owls in general, discussing anatomy, habits, habitations, prey, competitors, and other topics for owls in general, but with comments to those species which don't conform to the general pattern. Anyone interested in a particular species can use the index to follow it.

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