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#### BOOK REVIEWS

**The Collins Field Guide to the Birds of the Galapagos**, Micheal Harris, illustrated by Barry Kent MacKay, 160 pp., 5 x 7 3/4, index, Stephen Greene Press, Lexington, Mass., hard cover \$19.95.

The book starts with an overview of the islands and their topography, flora, and fauna. A two-page map of the archipelago is given early in the book, and is also used for the end papers. This portion of the book will be helpful to anyone planning a trip to the islands in evaluating the itineraries and timing of group tours, or in planning an independent visit. The rest of the book is given over to the usual field guide information on the individual species. There are sketches scattered through these pages, but the basic illustrations are on 12 plates (4 colored, 8 black-and-white), scattered through the book. It should be a very useful book, even to those just contemplating a trip.

**A Birdsong Tutor for Visually Handicapped Individuals**, two cassettes (120 minutes), Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, \$14.95.

These cassettes, which include frog, insect, and mammal sounds as well, are available for no-cost loan to the patrons of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. *NBR* 55:86 gives more information on this library service.

**1990 The Bird Identification Calendar**, illustrated by John Sill, 11 x 14, Viking Penguin, New York, \$8.95.

The first two pages are on attracting birds, thereafter a page with bird pictures and short notes on them (except for one month devoted solely to "The Endangered Roseate Tern") facing the month's calendar. Of the over 60 species pictured, some are wide-spread, some (such as the Sandhill Crane) are regional.

**The Flyfisher's 1990 Calendar**, Ernest Schwiebert, 11 x 14, Viking Penguin, New York, \$10.95.

The first two pages give "A Year of Fishing Secrets", thereafter each month has almost a page and a half of flies and comments on them, and a little over half a page for the month's calendar. The back page has a chart of hatches, showing the spread of months and whether Rocky Mountain and Pacific (in black) or East, Southeast, and Midwest (in red).

**Birds, A 1990 Equinox Nature Calendar**, 12 x 14, Firefly Books, Ltd., Willowdale, Ontario, \$7.95

Bird photographs in color, with the month's calendar and a short note on the picture on the facing page. Among their similar calendars are Wildflowers and Decoys.

**Eric Hosking's Birds of Prey of the World**, Eric and David Hosking with Jim Flegg, 176 pp., 8 3/4 x 11, bibliography, index, Stephen Greene Press, Lexington, Mass., hard cover \$19.95

The Hoskings took almost all of the photographs, almost all of them in the wild; and most are in color. Mr. Flegg starts the text out with three introductory chapters on birds of prey, and then launches into discussions, in series, of the various families and their members. He concludes with a chapter on falconry, one on conservations, and a tabulation in guide book order, giving the scientific name, the English common name, and the region(s) where each is found. This is a book for careful reading for one interested in birds of prey, or in looking at pictures of them.