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BOOK REVIEWS

A Birdwatcher's Miscellany, edited by Rob Hume, 192pp., 5.5 x 8.75, Blandford Press, UK, Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., New York, bibliography, indexed, hardbound.

This is a collection of short (about a three page maximum) comments on birds in the field, by British authors from 1836 to 1983, with many line drawings from similar sources. The instances are primarily from the British Isles, with a few from other parts of the world. These are grouped by Familiar Birds, Seabirds and Islands, Birds of Prey, Wildfowl, and Waders and Wilderness. Each individual selection can be read separately, so it is suitable for browsing. Sir Peter Scott's account of the recognition that Lesser White-fronted Geese came to Britain makes one wonder if there is a parallel with the sightings of Common Cranes and the Siberian geese in Nebraska.

Common Bird Songs, Songs of Eastern Birds, Songs of Western Birds, by Donald J. Borror. Dover Publications, Inc., New York, cassettes, \$7.95 each.

These are the Borror records in cassette form, 60 species each on 50 minute recordings. Four of the species are duplicated on the western

record, but with western recordings instead of the eastern ones used on the first two cassettes. Each cassette has a 64-page booklet with comments on the songs, and spectrographs. Certainly much handier than records to take into the field. But there are no owl calls on any of the records.

Birds of Nebraska, January/February issue of NEBRASKAland Magazine, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503. \$6.00 for the issue, \$9.50 for a year's subscription, including this issue.

This is a 146-page special issue, with many color photographs of Nebraska birds, and articles on birds by many authors. Included with the issue is a card which can be sent in to obtain a 16-page Checklist (probably a specific request with the order would bring both publications at once). The Checklist (which even includes the Bean Goose) gives the common and scientific names, whether or not a Nebraska breeder, migrant status, habitat, and comments, and a list of publications and organizations of interest to Nebraska birders.

Natural Lands in Nebraska, Audubon Society of Omaha,

This pamphlet is available (as long as supplies last) for a stamped (37¢) self-addressed envelope (at least 4.25 x 8.5 inches), sent to Jim Ducey, 806½ No. 49th Ave., Omaha, Neb. 68132. This pamphlet lists, by counties, the name of the area, the type of ownership, the size, location, and description.