

## Reports and Journals

The 1978 Annual Report of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology (the portion of the former Nature Conservancy that was transferred to the Natural Environment Research Council) includes items on the range expansion of the white admiral butterfly; research on badgers, otters and both wild and feral domestic cats in Scotland; and the incidence of heavy metals in waders and other birds. A report on the regeneration of woodland in red deer range says that any sapling that became established below 600m in the Cairngorms had little chance of escaping damage or death from red deer browsing once it grew taller than the surrounding vegetation.

*Nature Conservation in the Marine Environment*, a joint report from the Nature Conservancy Council and the Natural Environment Research Council, recommends that the NCC should become more closely involved with marine wildlife conservation, including the establishment of marine nature reserves or conservation areas, which will involve clarification of the legal position below low water mark. If this is not done soon, it is feared that the increasing economic and recreational pressures on the natural communities of British coastal waters will lead to serious losses of potentially valuable natural resources. (NCC, 19 Belgrave Square, London SW1 8PY, £2.50.)

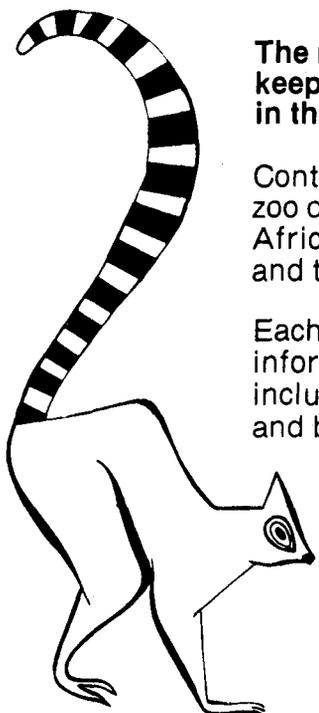
*Ecos*, subtitled a Review of Conservation, is the journal of yet another new society, the British Association of Nature Conservationists, founded in January 1980. Aimed primarily at active conservationists BANC seeks to cover 'the broad range of conservation topics that are relevant to those working within the fields of nature conservation, land-use planning and environmental education'. In fact the first number deals with both political issues – such as the Countryside and Wildlife Bill and the Friends of the Earth habitat campaign – and issues that conservationists fondly believe are not political – such as the reclamation of the Wash and the effect of closing Corby steelworks. It is not yet clear what sort of ecological niche it will establish for itself. (Editor, C. Pye-Smith. Annual subscription £5. Room 310, Dept. of Applied Biology, Chelsea College, Hortensia Road, London SW10 0QX.)

*The Status of Endangered Australasian Wildlife*, edited by M.J. Tyler and published by the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia (\$A6.65 plus \$A1.50 overseas postage), consists of the proceedings of a symposium in September 1978. Of the 17 papers, 15 are concerned with the status of rare and endangered species or groups: Australian kangaroos, marsupials, wombats, bandicoots, marine mammals, rodents, parrots, passerines, waterfowl, and reptiles, Australian and Pacific-region bats, Papua New Guinea mammals, Papuanian and New Zealand birds and Australasian amphibians. A most valuable well-illustrated 200-page compendium of information, the book also offers suggestions for management. 'The thylacine is probably extinct', says Dr Michael Archer, and demolishes the case for assuming that, while it has admittedly disappeared from the woodland savanna that is its preferred habitat, it may lurk in the remote uninhabited forest of north-west Tasmania.

Described as 'the first comprehensive overview of the killing of migratory birds in the Mediterranean', *Bird Killing in the Mediterranean*, by S. Woldhek, covers 17 countries, with statistics on the 15 per cent of European migratory birds killed in transit every year. (RSPB, the Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL; £3.)

The RSPCA offers a pamphlet, *The Tortoise Trade*, on the Mediterranean tortoises shipped to Britain for the pet business. Of the 2,472,323 imported 1965-77 few have survived. (RSPCA, The Causeway, Horsham, Sussex.)

A study of the damage done by four-wheel-drive cars and trucks, snowmobiles, dunebuggies, motorcycles and other off-road vehicles, now a major problem in US wilderness areas, is *Off-Road Vehicles on Public Land*, by David Sheridan. (Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402; 84pp.)



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**Koala.** Complete life history. H.J. Pollock. 24 mins.

**African Lion.** Taken by A.I.M. Hepburn in the Kruger National park. *Magnetic sound track.* 12 mins.

**Mallee Fowl.** Nesting habits of a 'mound builder'. CSIRO Film Unit. 11 mins.

**Marloo, the Red Kangaroo.** By H.J. Pollock. 25 mins.

**Le Aye Aye de Madagascar.** Black and white. French commentary. By J.-J. Pettey and the Service du Film de Recherche Scientifique. 22 mins.

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