
BOOK REVIEWS

The major portion of the book deals with the magnificent Powerful Owl, and one can share with the author the disappointments and triumphs that he experiences in his attempts not only to learn more about the bird in its natural surroundings, but also to breed it in captivity. The remainder of the book is devoted to various other owls and other nocturnal birds and the scientific facts concerning their lives are presented in a very readable and digestible form. The text is well illustrated with photographs of various species of owls and their young.

It is quite clear that though David Fleay devoted considerable time to accumulating scientific data regarding the habits of these birds, he found time also just to "stand and stare" and the book is the richer for it.

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NIGHTWATCHMEN OF BUSH AND PLAIN, by David Fleay, published by Jacaranda Press, 1968, 163 pp., illustrated. Price \$5.50.

In his introduction, David Fleay writes 'In these days of great technological advances in so many fields, when cold scientific facts often cloud human expression of life's delightful natural aspects, I trust that, without sacrifice of accuracy on my part, not only the specially interested, but also "the man in the street" may find this account readable.' The book has certainly achieved this distinction and can be recommended to all naturalists.