

taining as it does hundreds of references leading into the enormous literature on ants. Even experienced myrmecologists will find the book very useful in this respect. On the other hand, those interested in natural history and having no more than an occasional curiosity about the behaviour of ants, will find the modest price of this book a very worthwhile investment. I recommend it most enthusiastically.

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#### Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut

By WALTER R. WHITWORTH, PETER L. BERRIEN and WALTER T. KELLER, State Geological and Natural History Survey of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Hartford, Bulletin 101:i-vi + 1-134, illustrated. 1968. \$1.50 (U.S.).

This book treats the 82 species of the fresh waters of Connecticut. A figure, a spot distribution map, a brief description and life history are presented for each species. Tables summarizing the ecological preferences, the characteristics of Connecticut watersheds along with the usual notes on identification, a glossary, 5 pages of references and an index are included.

The drawings will be useful to the angler, though not always completely accurate (viz. the complete lateral line in *Cottus cognatus*). The spot distribution maps are excellent, and should give a good idea of the distribution of most species. It will be a welcome addition to the shelf of the angler or one who wishes to increase his knowledge of Connecticut fishes, especially at the price of only \$1.50.

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#### Fishes of the Bahamas and Adjacent Tropical Waters

By JAMES E. BÖHLKE and CHARLES C. G. Chaplin. Published for the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia by Livingston Publishing Company, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. xxiii + 771 pages, 700 black and white figures, 32 colour plates. 1968. \$29.50 (U.S.).

In handling and using faunal works and expedition reports of the 1800's one often poignantly regrets the passing of folio editions embellished with fine copper plate engravings. A modern counterpart has now appeared in the elegant *Fishes of the Bahamas*.

The topography and organization is excellent. Running titles in species accounts are in bold face. Family names are repeated on the right hand corner of the right hand page, making it easy to thumb to the desired family. Only one species account with its black and white drawing is allowed per page, seldom wasting space. The publishers have not been parsimonious with margins. Colour plates, when present, are almost always placed opposite the appropriate species account. Happily, non-glossy paper has been used.

The book is divided into the following principal parts: an introduction (with geography and history), family guide, species accounts, glossary, references and index. Instead of a family key, the authors have wisely chosen a pictorial guide which those unaware of family identity are much more likely to find useful. The definition of ciguatera poisoning in the glossary is too broad. All permutations of names are given in the index. A summary of major habitats and a list of poisonous fishes would have been interesting and useful in the introduction.

The body of the text consists of family and species accounts; classification at or above the ordinal level is not



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