

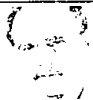
To enjoy birds, read book first

OBSERVING wildlife and natural subjects in the field is the best way to appreciate the natural world. There is nothing that can compare with the unsupervised excitement of a pheasant flushing from under foot, or the imperceptible sensation of a butterfly on your finger.

But to enjoy the natural world even more, it is a good idea to learn about subjects you may see before going to the woods.

Books on natural history provide readers with a consolidation of knowledge that has taken many years and many hours in the field to compile.

FOR INSTANCE, becoming familiar with the various courtship postures of mallard ducks is essential before going to your local pond. Many pictures last for only a few seconds. If you are not prepared, it



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would be easy to miss or dismiss these ritualized actions.

To help those interested in nature interpretation, Donald Stokes and his wife, Lillian, have written a series of books on several natural history topics.

Their first book dealt with a subject dealing with the season at hand "A Guide to Nature in Winter." Since then they have published books on bird behavior, wildflowers, insects and mammal tracks.

Each volume is illustrated with fine drawings to complement the

text. Detailed sketches are labeled, but technical terms are used sparingly.

Trained as a teacher and naturalist, Donald Stokes has written each book in a popular and readable style for everyone. He has also organized

each subject into sections that help the reader in a learning process.

AS YOU READ the text, it becomes obvious that the authors researched their subjects thoroughly, both from scientific papers and their own field observations. Interesting points are discussed that would be overlooked by the average person.

If you are looking for a Christmas present for a nature enthusiast, I would recommend any of the Stokes books. They are available in hard cover and paperback at most major book stores.

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Mounted Division plays Santa

Volunteer members of the Oakland County Mounted Division this week will see \$3,000 they raised given to charity sales expenditures.

They raised the money by sponsoring a women's show, working in county parks, including 4-H programs.

Thirty-one of the men and women in the county division, who raise the money, will be on duty to help make Christmas brighter for those less fortunate to add to the Oakland County and County Executive Daniel T. M. play, who will distribute checks Dec. 22.

Receipts will be County Animal Care Facility, South County Medical Care Facility, \$3,000 Oakland Parks Foundation, a private group that

helps county parks, \$500, retarded children group, \$500, and Leader Dogs for the Blind Inc. of Rochester, \$500.

Edward Tessier, chief of the the County Safety Division, said new members are being sought for the Mounted Division. He can be contacted at 858-9032 in Pontiac.

OCC buys 53 computers

IBM Corp. was low bidder on 53 personal computers being purchased by Oakland Community College.

OCC will pay \$125,000 for the computers, with monitors and 40 printers, software and cables. The board of trustees accepted IBM's as the lowest of two bids, which ranged up to \$124,000.

Personal computers will be from state and federal agencies. Funds will be used for education.

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