

without a feeling of utter disgust. Men who behave in the presence of game in such a manner should not be permitted to carry firearms at all.

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BIRDS OF CEYLON, 2. By W. W. A. PHILLIPS. Ceylon Daily News Press: Lake House, Colombo. In full cloth, 9s. In thin board cover, 5s. 6d.

The first of this series, describing twenty familiar birds of the garden, was reviewed in *Oryx*, Vol. 1, No. 1. The present book gives twenty "Birds of our Swamps and Tanks" and the intention is to complete the series with three similar volumes.

Reliable information is given in an interesting and readable way, but even when the series is complete only 100 of the 386 birds in the Ceylon list will have been described. In a very small book, such as this is, there is really no space for two pages of quotations under "Opinions of Birds of Ceylon, 1", and the fourteen pages on bird photography, including six pages on "hides" with three full-page illustrations, might well have been devoted to the subject of the book, the birds of Ceylon. The illustrations show the birds well enough but would have done so equally well at half their present scale, again leaving room for birds.

The series is intended for beginners and a beginner needs to feel that his book will contain every bird that he is at all likely to meet. These are nice little books and have considerable merit, but I wish they could have included more birds.

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