

## SHORTER NOTICES

WHAT ANIMAL IS IT? By R. BIGALKE. The Trustees of the South Africa Bird Book Fund and the Mammals of South Africa Book Fund. Distributors J. L. van Schaik, P.O. Box 724, Pretoria, 7s. 6d.

There are too few books of a handy size on the fauna and flora of South Africa. Dr. Bigalke's little volume therefore fills a gap, being of moderate pocket size, written in a simple informative style, and to some extent covering the birds and trees of the Kruger National Park as well as the mammals. Space is also devoted to the three reptiles most likely to be seen by the tourist, the African crocodile, the python, and the water monitor.

Besides describing the main mammals and birds of the Park the author gives interesting information on their habits. Useful notes for the novice on the identification of antelopes are included, and suggestions made on books for further reading.

Dr. Bigalke has based this work on his earlier book *A Guide to Some Animals of the Kruger National Park*. The publishers and Mr. John Voelcker are to be congratulated on this useful addition to the bibliography of fauna.

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RECORDS OF PARROTS BRED IN CAPTIVITY (ADDITIONS). By ARTHUR A. PRESTWICH. A. A. Prestwich, 61 Chase Road, Oakwood, London, N. 14, 10s. 6d.

Mr. Prestwich's main work on this subject was published in 1952 and reviewed in *Oryx*, vol. 2, no. 2, by the late Duke of Bedford.

This additional book records much further information about the breeding of captive psittacine birds, particularly in Australia, and aviculturists all over the world will find it of great value.

The author is to be commended for his diligence and for the clear and concise way in which much information is made so readily available.

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