

species *silvestris*, *lybica*, and *ornata*, a total of forty described forms, and recognizes only twenty-one valid sub-species.

It is almost entirely a systematic work and it is of little interest to the general naturalist, but this work is a notable addition to the literature on the *Felidae*, to which Mr. Pocock, formerly Superintendent of the London Zoo, had contributed so much. The book contains a great deal of tabulated material and an extremely comprehensive bibliography; there are many photographs, the great majority of them being of museum skins, together with some pictures of the typical savage-looking wild cats in captivity.

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SHORTER NOTICES

SOUTH AFRICAN EDEN. By Lieut.-Colonel J. STEVENSON-HAMILTON. Cassell and Co. 25s.

The first edition of this fine book was reviewed in the Society's *Journal* of May, 1937. We welcome this new edition with its added chapter, which brings up to date the history of the Kruger National Park.

The book is also the modestly told story of the life work of a most remarkable man.

BULLETIN VI OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BIRD PRESERVATION. Obtainable from the Secretary, I.C.B.P., British Museum (Natural History), London, S.W. 7, or from the F.P.S. Office.

This book gives the reports of twenty-three national sections of the Committee, also a summary of the work of the European Continental Section and of the Pan-American Section. These reports and the great quantity of other information given in the Bulletin, indicate the amount of work now being done for wild bird preservation.

The whole of the subject-matter is in four languages—English, French, German, and Spanish.

C. L. B.

SÄUGETIERKUNDLICHE MITTEILUNGEN. Franckh'sche Verlangshandlung W. Keller & Co., Stuttgart. 4.50 D.M.

Before the war the principal European periodical devoted to mammalogy was the *Zeitschrift für Säugetierkunde*, published in Berlin by the German Society for Mammalogy. During the war this publication lapsed and has not yet been revived.

Its place has been taken by the *Säugetierkundliche Mitteilungen*, edited from Munich. This is a quarterly and has as its objects "the extension of our knowledge of mammals and the furtherance of international co-operation in this field". The first number appeared in January, 1953, and contains contributions in German, French, and English.

Periodicals devoted exclusively to mammalogy are not numerous; the only others of importance being the *Journal of Mammalogy*, published in the United States, and *Mammalia*, published in Paris. This new German journal is therefore to be welcomed.

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