
Noteworthy Books

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A Natural Curiosity: The Story of the Bell Museum. Lansing Shepard, Don Luce, Barbara Coffin, and Gwen Schagrin. 2022. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 400 pp. \$34.95, Hardcover. ISBN 9781517910365. A richly illustrated tour of Minnesota's premier natural history museum after 150 years. Since its humble start in 1872 as a one-room cabinet of curiosities, the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of natural history has become one of the state's most important cultural institutions. Drawing on a wealth of materials unearthed during the museum's recent move, this gorgeously illustrated book chronicles the remarkable discoveries and personalities that have made the Bell Museum what it is today.

The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in West Virginia. Richard S. Bailey and Casey B. Rucker (Eds.). 2021. Pennsylvania State University Press, University Park, PA. 568 pp. \$69.95, Hardcover. ISBN: 9780271089805. *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in West Virginia* is the most comprehensive description of bird life in the Mountain State ever published. Building on the first Atlas this book documents the occurrence of 170 species of breeding birds, including 3 new species and one whose last breeding record was in 1888. Compiled from the efforts of volunteers, who worked from 2009 to 2014 to amass more than 100,000 records and conduct point-count surveys, the Atlas presents detailed information about each species and 2 hybrids. Maps show breeding evidence as well as estimates of occurrence, change in occurrence, and population density. The volume covers geography, climate, and changing habitats. It includes both a discussion of conservation concerns and a history of state ornithology and changes in West Virginia's avifauna drawn from observations and research from the 19th through the 21st century. Featuring up-to-date information about 170 bird species and hundreds of beautiful color photographs—nearly all of which are identified by county locations—*The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in West Virginia* is an indispensable resource for researchers, conservationists, and birders.

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