
Noteworthy Books

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Natures's Calendar: A Year in the Life of a Wildlife Sanctuary. Colin Rees. 2019. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD. 320 pp. \$32.95, softcover. ISBN 9781421427430. In an absorbing account of a year in the life of a sanctuary, naturalist Colin Rees invites us to join him as he explores the secrets and wonders of the changing natural world. Through his description of the fleeting—and yet enduring—cycles of nature, Rees shares deep insights into the ecological and behavioral dynamics of the natural environment. Enhanced by more than two dozen color plates, the book touches on a wide range of issues, from microbial diversity, bird banding, and butterfly phenology to genetic diversity and habitat fragmentation. It also examines the challenges of conserving these and other natural features in the face of climate change and development pressures. Thoughtful and lyrical, *Nature's Calendar* speaks to all readers, scientific and lay alike.

Mammals of Prince Edward Island and Adjacent Marine Waters. Rosemary Curley, Pierre-Yves Daoust, Donald F. McAlpine, Kimberly Riehl, and J. Dan McAskill. 2019. Island Studies Press, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada. 300 pp. \$49.95, softcover. ISBN 9781988692326. This long-overdue book provides a comprehensive guide to the Island's terrestrial and marine mammals. Rooted in historical accounts and local research, it illuminates the lives of PEI mammals large and small. No other Canadian province has lost such a large proportion of its mammal species due to the conversion from a forested to a predominantly agricultural landscape. In the 20th century, many marine mammals were so rare due to prior centuries of human exploitation that any sightings or strandings on PEI were recorded. Reforestation and the continued efforts of local wildlife and conservation agencies, along with the use of new and refined study techniques on land and in the sea, continue to improve our ability to understand and protect the native mammals of PEI.

A Cold Welcome: The Little Ice Age and Europe's Encounter with North America. Sam White. 2020. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA. 384 pp. \$22.95, softcover. ISBN

9780674244900. When Europeans first arrived in North America, the average global temperature had dropped to lows unseen in millennia. Its effects were stark and unpredictable: blizzards and deep freezes, droughts and famines, and winters when even the Rio Grande froze. In *A Cold Welcome*, Sam White tells the story of Europe's earliest expeditions in an unfamiliar landscape and the perilous first winters at Santa Fe, Quebec, and Jamestown. Weaving together evidence from climatology, archaeology, and the written historical record, White describes how the severity and volatility of the Little Ice Age climate threatened to freeze and starve out these precarious new settlements. Lacking basic provisions and wholly unprepared for the harsh conditions, Europeans suffered life-threatening privation which precipitated violent conflict with Native Americans. Today, as we confront an uncertain future from global warming, *A Cold Welcome* reminds us of the risks of a changing and unfamiliar climate.

Birds in Minnesota, Revised and Expanded Edition. Robert B. Janssen. 2019. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 96 pp. \$34.95, softcover. ISBN 9781517907013. In the nearly half-century since the first publication of the landmark *Birds in Minnesota*, the state and its bird populations have undergone dramatic changes. This newly revised, expanded edition reflects those changes as well as the most recent advances in birding, making it the indispensable resource for birdwatchers in Minnesota, both passionate amateur and professional. Featuring full-color photographs and more than one thousand distribution maps, the updated *Birds in Minnesota* describes where and during which season the 443 species of birds in the state can be found. Introductory comments by Carrol L. Henderson of the Minnesota DNR and Kim R. Eckert, author of *A Birder's Guide to Minnesota*, along with the expert contributions of David Cahlander of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, further enhance this new edition for today's Minnesota birders. This edition of *Birds in Minnesota* is the essential birding reference—at once authoritative and user-friendly, comprehensive and concise, eminently practical and a delight to peruse.

The *Northeastern Naturalist* welcomes submissions of review copies of books that publishers or authors would like to recommend to the journal's readership and are relevant to the journal's mission of publishing information about the natural history of the northeastern US. Accompanying short, descriptive summaries of the text are also welcome.