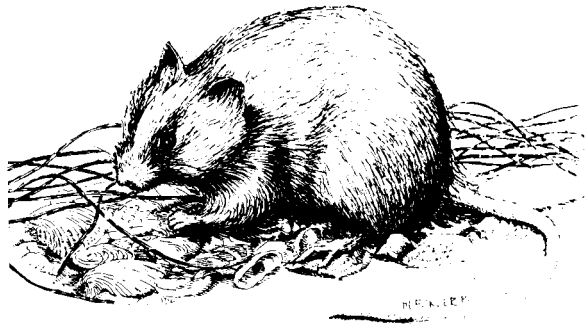


Sanibel cotton rat,
from *The Nature of
Things on Sanibel*



Anyone who has visited Florida's delectable Sanibel Island will enjoy *The Nature of Things on Sanibel*, by George R. Campbell, a discursive, informative, anecdotal account of the wildlife, enlivened by the resident author's distinctive humorous approach and Molly Eckler's beautifully sensitive drawings. These include the Sanibel cottonrat *Sigmodon hispidus insulicola*, one of the island's two endemic subspecies; the other is a rice rat *Oryzomys palustris sanibeli*.

The Observer's Book of Snakes and Lizards of Australia (Methuen of Australia, Warne, £1.95) is the second and completely revised edition of a pocket-sized book that first appeared in 1959. Useful for the beginner or non-specialist, it presents clearly and precisely the basic facts concerning 62 of the more widespread and better known species, each illustrated with a first-rate colour photograph.

Reports and Journals

The report of the Coypu Strategy Group, set up by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, recommends that 'an enhanced coypu control operation should be put into effect with the long term objective of achieving eradication of coypus'. Research should continue, legislation should be considered to tighten control of the import and exploitation of non-indigenous species, with powers for quick action against pest species, and efforts made to educate the public in the need for eradicating coypu (MAFF, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AE).

The Provisional Atlas of the Mammals of the British Isles, edited for the Mammal Society by Henry R. Arnold, comprises 58 dot maps showing distribution collected on a 10-km square basis. It is described as a 'second progress report' of the recording scheme started in 1965 (ITE, Monks Wood Experimental Station, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon, £3.00).

Carnivore, a new journal owned by Randall L. Eaton through the Carnivore Research Institute, covers carnivorous mammals including man; the Hon. Editor is Niko Tinbergen. The 19 articles in Vol. 1 part 1 include Markus Borner on the Sumatran tiger, Randall Eaton on the evolution of trophy hunting and N.G. Webb on boat-towing by a bottlenose dolphin in southern England. Part 2 with eight articles includes a second article on the bottlenose dolphin.

In *Atlantic Walrus*, A Literature Survey and Status Report, Wildlife Report No. 10 of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Washington DC 20560), Randall R. Reeves concludes that the Atlantic walrus is adequately protected by the controls on commercial exploitation coupled with the changes in native economies and life styles, but warns that human encroachment on the walrus's habitat could become a serious threat.

The South African Red Data Book: Large Mammals, by J.D. Skinner, N. Fairall and J. du P. Bothma, can be obtained from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, PO Box 395, Pretoria 0001. The list of threatened taxa numbers 22.

Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises of the Western North Atlantic provides descriptions and photographs of every species likely to be seen in the region and blank forms for reporting sightings, as well as instructions on interpreting whale tags and dealing with beached whales (Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 20402).

Originally a briefing document for journalists, *International Trade in Wildlife* by Tim Inskipp and Sue Wells of the IUCN trade group TRAFFIC has been published by FPS and the International Institute for Environment and Development. The 104 pages include a full text of the CITES convention and its appendices, a report on decisions taken at the 1979 CITES meetings in Costa Rica and Bonn, and details on current international trade in monkeys, spotted cats, whales, ivory, parrots, tortoises, marine turtles, crocodiles, butterflies, sponges and rare orchids (an Earthscan Publication, £1.50; obtainable from the FPS office).

Marine Turtles of the Solomon Islands, by Andrew McKeown, summarises the status of the islands' green, hawksbill, leathery, loggerhead and olive ridley turtles, the first three of which breed there. All are declining, partly because of tortoiseshell exports to Japan, a trade that is also analysed in the report (Ministry of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division, Honiara, Solomon Islands, free).

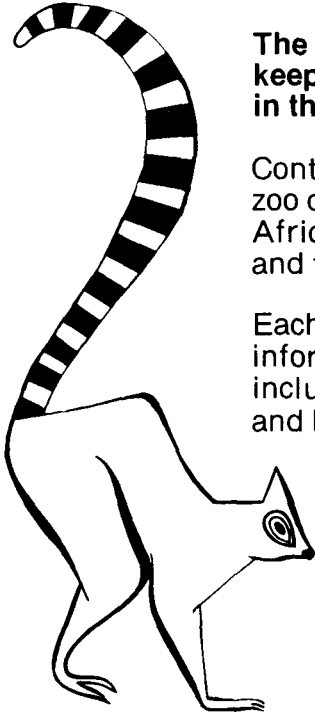
In 1978 conservationists from Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico met for the first time in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, to discuss the status of Central American wildlife and co-ordinate their conservation efforts. The proceedings are published in *Primera Reunión Regional Centroamericana Sobre Vida Silvestre*, edited by Roger Morales, Craig MacFarland, Jaime Incer and Adriana Hobbs (Unidad de Manejo de Areas Silvestres, Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza, Turrialba, Costa Rica; 238pp; in Spanish).

Recent monographs from the *Naturalia Hispanica* series, published by Spain's National Institute for Nature Conservation, include No. 17, *Las Tortugas terrestres Testudo graeca y Testudo hermanni en Espana*, by L.F. López Jurado et al, containing status and distribution data on these tortoises; No. 19, *Distribución geográfica y hábitat de las liebres en la Península Ibérica*, by Fernando Palacios and Manuel Meijide, a study of hare distribution in Spain and Portugal; and No. 20, *Observaciones sobre la gaviota Audouin, Larus audouinii Payr.*, en el Mediterráneo occidental, by J. Mayol, a 1978 survey of six colonies of Audouin's gull in the Balearics (Servicio de Publicaciones Agrarias, Paseo de Infanta Isabel 1, Madrid 7; 450 ptas. each; Spanish with English summaries).

Protection, Conservation and Management of Threatened and Endangered Species in Pakistan is the report, compiled and edited by David A. Ferguson, of a 1978 mission from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service to Pakistan. It includes a useful directory to the country's leading conservationists (Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC, 20240).

Current Energy and Ecology, for use in American high school classrooms, is published monthly during the school year, September-May (Curriculum Innovations Inc., 501 Lake Forest Avenue, Highwood, Illinois 60040; \$3.50 per student per year). The articles, mainly on energy problems, are followed by suggestions for class discussion; its simple, non-patronising style could be a model for some 'adult' ecology publications.

The first two issues of *The Beast*, a new bi-monthly concerned mainly with (militant) animal welfare, includes conservation-oriented articles on orang-utan rehabilitation, oiled seabirds, Sullom Voe, and the CITES and IWC meetings (Clanose Publishers Ltd, 2 Blenheim Crescent, London W11 1NN 40p).



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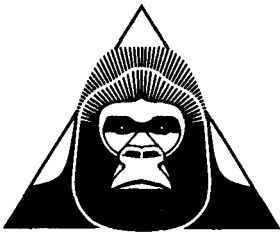
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