

## BOOK REVIEWS

INSECTS AND OTHER INVERTEBRATES OF THE WORLD ON STAMPS. 1979. Willard F. Stanley, Ph.D., Editor. Handbook No. 98. Biology Unit, American Topical Association, Inc., 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216, USA. 148 p. illustrated. \$10.00.

Many people, entomologists, zoologists, and nonprofessionals alike, are avid collectors of stamps portraying insects and other zoological subjects. To these people, this handbook will be invaluable.

It is arranged in 3 sections: (1) Butterflies and Moths by Alan J. Hanks, 39 pages; (2) Other Insects by Donald P. Wright, Jr., 18 pages; (3) Invertebrates Other Than Insects by Byron Brattie, George Bearse, and Willard F. Stanley, 60 pages. Each section contains species lists by taxonomic category and by country. Entries give country, date of issue, catalog number, face value, Latin name and author of species. Symbols are used to indicate the relative prominence of the species on the stamp and whether it is in natural colors. Popular English names are included in the taxonomic lists but not in lists by countries. Black and white illustrations are used effectively. A complete index to higher taxonomic groups and to common names is included for each section.

The handbook was produced by photo-offset process and a few pages are imperfectly reproduced but legible. A few typographical errors occur and there appears to be a line missing in the introduction on page 3. Very few items have been omitted. The most glaring omission is the buprestid beetles (Coleoptera: Buprestidae), although there are at least 14 stamps which portray species belonging to this family. The taxonomy employed is not uniform from group to group and will not please specialists of certain groups. However, it is adequate for the intended purpose. Most species are correctly assigned; only 2, in Orthoptera, p. 45, were incorrectly placed. (*Euconoccephalus*, Pitcairn Is. and *Pseudophyllanax*, New Caledonia, should be under Tettigoniidae, not Acrididae). The authors request readers to write them or ATA regarding errors or omissions.

The shortcomings are few; the usefulness is great. This handbook-catalog is a "must-own item" for any philatelist who cannot resist collecting stamps showing butterflies and moths, other insects, sea shells, and other invertebrate animals, which, collectively, are among the most attractive stamps of the world.—V. R. VICKERY, Curator, Lyman Entomological Museum and Research Laboratory, and Prof. of Entomology, Macdonald College, McGill University, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec; Visiting Prof., Dept. of Ent. and Nemat., University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

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HOW TO KNOW THE AQUATIC INSECTS. Dennis M. Lehmkuhl. 1979. The Pictured Key Nature Series, Wm. C. Brown Co., Dubuque, Iowa. xi + 168 p., 294 fig. \$5.95.

Dr. Lehmkuhl wrote this little manual to serve as a practical tool for the student as well as for those involved in evaluating aquatic habitats where identification of their insects to family level is adequate. The book is not meant to be comprehensive but the author has provided pertinent references