

BOOK REVIEW

Ocean Wanderers: The Migratory Sea Birds of the World

R.M. Lockley. Published in Great Britain and Canada by David & Charles Limited and in the United States by Stackpole Books, Harrisburg, Pa. 1974. Drawings by Robert Gillmor, 8 color plates, 28 black-and-white photographs, 20 distribution maps. Bibliography. Index. 168 p. 8" x 10¼". \$15.00.

The recent increase in the number of bird watchers making boat trips off the Carolina coast has stimulated interest in pelagic species among CBC members, many of whom may find *Ocean Wanderers* enjoyable and informative. Lockley introduces the layman to the physiology, life histories, and migratory movements of the birds of the oceans all over the world. The 13 chapter headings are Origin and evolution; Adaptations to ocean-going; Behavior; Ocean feeding grounds; Expert navigators; Man and sea birds; Penguins; Albatrosses; Fulmars, shearwaters and other petrels; Tropic and frigate birds, gannets and boobies; Skuas, gulls and terns; Auks; and Phalaropes. The author's command of his subject matter is impressive, and he writes with ease and enthusiasm even when the ideas become a bit complex. This is a book for the advanced bird student who is willing to dig for the facts. Assuming his readers are intelligent people who are trying to learn something meaningful about sea birds, Lockley never writes down to them. Because most readers probably will have seen only a few of the many species he mentions, I wish the author had been able to include more photographs, drawings, and range maps without making the book prohibitively expensive. An appendix that could serve as a guide to the birds of the oceans would be most welcome. The reader who knows his own limitations might do well to acquire W.B. Alexander's *Birds of the Oceans* (Putnam, 1963) along with *Ocean Wanderers*.—EFP