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BOOK REVIEW


This is a volume that everyone interested in rearing the larger moths, particularly the sphingids and saturniids, should have on his reference shelf. One hundred and seventy-seven species are discussed under the headings of family [name], popular name, range, availability, preferred foodplant, diapause [stage], ova, larvae, rearing requirements, cocoon and adult. The adult, the mature larva, the cocoon or pupa, and usually the egg of each of the native and exotic species discussed are illustrated in half-tone reproduction.

Although an introductory section is devoted to a detailed description of the spreading procedure, some of the adults illustrated have not been spread with any great skill and many of these appear to have become wet and matted at some stage. The author-photographer seems to have a penchant for dark backgrounds in his illustrations and in the case of dark specimens or those with translucent wings results are not pleasing. The usage of generic names is often not current but this causes no difficulty.

The book is a highly enjoyable one and I thoroughly recommend it to all interested in the natural histories of the larger moths.

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