

Reviews

Forestry and Woodland Life. H. L. Edlin, B.Sc. Batsford, London. 15/-.

This book is, according to the author, planned as an outline for the layman, and as a summary for those concerned with forest work, of the science and craft of tending woodlands as at present practised in Britain. It is indeed an ideal book to place in the hands of those seeking an introduction to the life of the forest and the work of the forester. In non-technical language it tells of the forest society, the trees, birds, insects, wild flowers, forest animals. The author has put a tremendous amount of solid information into this simple but scientific narrative of the forest and its environment, and few foresters will claim they have learned little when they have got through the early chapters.

The accounts of work in the forest, raising young trees, planting, tending and felling plantations are sketchy as one might expect in a review of this kind and anyone seeking details of forestry practice must search elsewhere. Nevertheless this is a book that the forester will welcome to his bookshelves. The pictures are really beautiful and it is claimed by the publishers that they provide the most comprehensive series ever collected in a book on this subject.

As for our non-technical members this is the book for which they have been waiting. They will enjoy every page and picture and having read it will look forward with eagerness to the excursions and outings of the Society and to private rambles in "The Wild-wood" and under "The Greenwood Tree."

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