

of the text provides status information for various sites (Part II) and for each species (Part III). Conservation of waterfowl and their habitats is discussed in Part IV.

Although colonial waterbirds are not explicitly included in this monograph, at least two aspects are notable to students of these species. The spectacular increase in knowledge of British waterfowl occurring since 1963 has derived primarily from the efforts of thousands of volunteer counters. By the early 1980's over 1100 observers were censusing 4000 locations. Most of the counters and regional coordinators were amateurs working at their own expense. In conjunction with the International Wildfowl Count program, the British Wildfowl Count network now provides data suitable for critical trend analysis. The success of this use of amateur counters may be worthy of emulation in censuses of colonial waterbird colony sites and wintering areas.

The habitat information provided in this book is of crucial importance to the long-term status of many aquatic species in addition to waterfowl. Changes in wetland and estuarine habitats are documented as are the effects of contaminants, shooting, and agriculture. As in North America colonial waterbird conservation has benefited from the attention paid to waterfowl that use the same habitats. Protection and management of wetland habitat is essential to the conservation of many species of aquatic birds, and taxonomic chauvinism is seldom an appropriate management strategy. Colonial waterbird students owe much to the efforts of their colleagues in waterfowl conservation.—**James A. Kushlan**, Department of Biological Sciences, East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas 75428 USA.

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**Wildfowl in Great Britain.**—M. Owen, G. L. Atkinson-Willes, and D. G. Salmon. Second Edition. 1986. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom. 613 pp. ISBN 0-521-30986-7. Cloth, \$59.50.—This impressive volume is the successor to the landmark 1963 edition and undertakes to summarize knowledge gained on the status and conservation needs of waterfowl since that time. The book begins with introductory material on the data bases used, including counts, banding, and hunting mortality. The bulk