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Field Check-List of Thai Birds, by Philip D. Round. Bird Conservation Society of Thailand, Bangkok (2000). 116 pp., soft cover. (In Thai and English.) (Bird Conservation Society of Thailand, 69/12 Ramindra 24, Jarakheebura, Lardprao, Bangkok 10230; email: bcst@box1.a-net.net.th)

Birds of Kaeng Krachan: Check-List and Guide to Birds Finding, by Uthai Treesucon. Bird Conservation Society of Thailand, Bangkok (2000). 112 pp., soft cover. (In Thai and English.) (Bird Conservation Society of Thailand, 69/12 Ramindra 24, Jarakheebura, Lardprao, Bangkok 10230; email: bcst@box1.a-net.net.th)

These two pocket-size booklets (approx. 18 x 10 cm) were produced by two ace bird-finders in Thailand who have been active in establishing and leading the Bird Conservation Society of Thailand in promoting bird study, conservation, and bird watching as a pastime. Both guides are bilingual. Round's *Field Check-List* updates the *Field Guide to the Birds of Thailand* by Boonsong Lekagul & P. D. Round (1991), as several new species have been added since that book was published and many names have changed. Although the total number is not given, there are approximately 1000 species of birds recorded for Thailand. The check-list provides the species number used in Lekagul & Round (1991), English, Thai and scientific names, status category used by the British Ornithologists' Union, seasonal status, and conservation status according to IUCN threat categories. This booklet is essential for birders wishing to keep up on the species present in the country and their current names and status.

Birds of Kaeng Krachan is a welcome addition to the series of checklists produced by the Center of Conservation Biology of Mahidol University and the Bird Conservation Society. Kaeng Krachan National Park in Petchaburi and Prachuab Khiri Khan Provinces is one of the richest and most interesting bird areas of the country. With an area of 2915 km², it is one of the largest intact protected forest areas in Thailand, and contains moist mixed deciduous, semi-evergreen, and evergreen forests up to an elevation of 1513 m. A total of 413 species of birds have been found in the park, 305 of them resident. The booklet includes descriptions of topography, climate, vegetation, mammals found in the park (a list is given), how to get there, and where to watch birds in the park, and four maps. The check-list gives names, seasonal status, habitat, and abundance code for all species. A painting of the Ratchet-tailed Treepie adorns the cover, a new record for Thailand discovered in the park by BCST members on their surveys.—*W. Y. Brockelman*

A Photographic Guide to Mammals of Thailand and South-East Asia, by Charles M. Francis. Asia Books, Bangkok (2001). 128 pp. Price: 395 baht. (Email: information@asiabooks-thailand.com; Web: www.asiabooks-thailand.com)

A pocket-sized book containing excellent color photographs of 192 species, including most large native mammals and representative small mammals including rodents and bats. The text introduces key places to find mammals in the region, and provides brief and clear descriptions of the families, genera and species.—*W. Y. Brockelman*

