

One expects comparison and integration of information in a collation, but these are generally lacking. Where synthesis is present, some will think this volume worthwhile for that alone. A. E. Newsome and L. K. Corbett critically analyze the erratic outbreaks of three native rodents and *Mus musculus* in Australia. They conclude that the native species react differently from *Mus* (by not always responding to very favorable conditions, and by responding with a year's lag) because of interactions with predators, because they occupy refugia, and because of the supercompetitive position of *Mus*. This study allows one to draw important contrasts with other irruptive species. J. F. Eisenberg compares the behavior of bipedal rodents in New and Old World deserts, and of bipedal and quadrupedal species within families. There are remarkable convergences, but also surprising differences, as in the degree of food caching and sociability. M. L. Rosenzweig, B. Smigel, and A. Kraft examine the causes of the diversity of rodents in the San Pedro Valley of southeastern Arizona, "the richest local association of rodents in the world." Data from experimental modifications of habitats and other observations suggest that vegetational complexity is the main clue to diversity. Although the authors' laboratory work suggested that the rodents could be coexisting by virtue of seed preferences based on body size, they did not find this to be true in nature.

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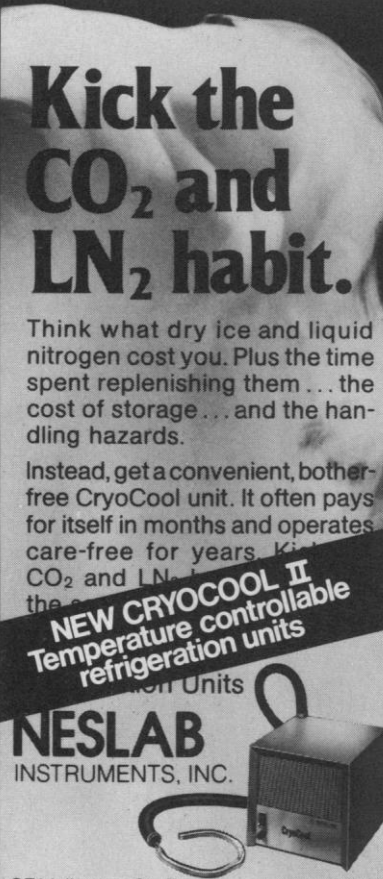
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