nese in 1971, and coverage of the literature is complete through 1969. Through the efforts of Karl V. Krombein (who provides a foreword), the book is now available in a translation by Alamelu Gopal. Despite sometimes awkward phraseology and use of words, perhaps inevitable because of the great differences in the languages, Iwata's meaning is always clear. Once again students of insect ethology are deeply in debt to Iwata for his untiring efforts at synthesis and interpretation of a mass of data in several languages. Especially appreciated is the first coverage in English of numerous papers originally published in Japanese, for example those of Okada and Shida.

The title of Iwata's book is somewhat misleading. Although the approach is strongly comparative, the major concern is with the phylogeny of behavioral traits rather than with selection pressures or modes of behavioral evolution. Iwata believes that "it is contradictory for a group to be both advanced and primitive." But does a group exist that is not an amalgam of generalized and specialized features?

With respect to the subtitle, it should be explained that no complete coverage of the Hymenoptera has been attempted. The ants are omitted entirely, and short shrift is given to the sawflies. Coverage of the parasitoids and bees is less thorough than that of the wasps, and such topics as the origin of social behavior and the phenomenon of cleptoparasitism are covered only incompletely. As Iwata states in his preface, he is concerned mainly with "maternal" behavior, that is, the ways in which the female provides for her offspring. Such topics as mating, grooming, and male territoriality are not discussed. A full exposition of the behavior of Hymenoptera would, after all, require several volumes. Within its sphere this book is replete with data gathered from a great many sources and organized in such a way as to suggest innumerable avenues for further research.

A few years ago John B. Free commented (in reviewing another book on wasps), "The contribution that wasp studies have made to the field of animal behavior is quite remarkable." With Iwata's book as a stimulus and source of background information, persons intrigued by the behavior of Hymenoptera are likely to bite deeply into the many problems still to be solved.

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