

MANUAL OF NEOTROPICAL BIRDS

Volume I

*Spheniscidae (Penguins) to
Laridae (Gulls and Allies)*
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Museum of Natural History

This is the first in a four-volume work that will treat 3,300 species and some 8,300 subspecies of avifauna to be found in Central and South America, the continental islands, and adjacent waters (Mexico, the West Indies, Galapagos, and the Falkland Islands excepted). Volume I covers 600 species and about 1,500 subspecies of 48 families. This comprehensive and authoritative manual provides the fullest information on the birds of a region unsurpassed in the diversity of its avian fauna and which contains more than one-third of the world's bird species. Handsomely illustrated with 67 beautifully detailed and specially reproduced wash drawings, a section of superb plates, several in color, and 237 maps. 704 pages. 7" x 10". \$50.00

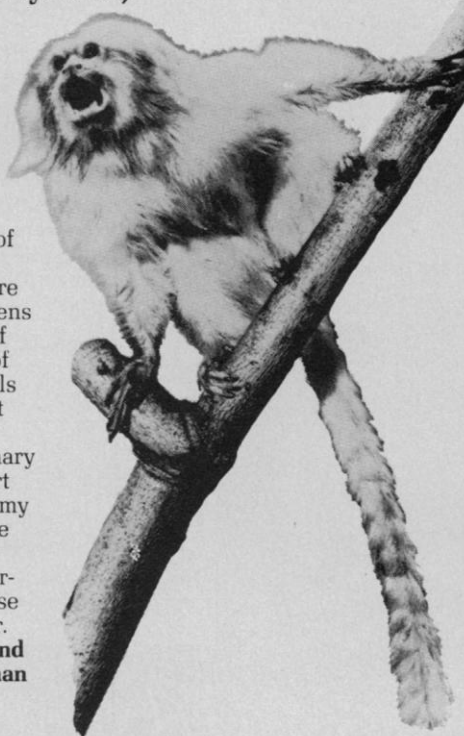
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LIVING NEW WORLD MONKEYS

(Platyrrhini)

With an Introduction to
Primates Volume I
by **Philip Hershkovitz**,
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Long-awaited, this is the first volume of two in an encyclopedic work which is the result of eleven years' study of more than 3,100 museum-preserved specimens and primate fossils, and observation of hundreds of animals in captivity and of thousands in the wild. The author deals first with primates as a taxonomic unit and with New World monkeys from comparative anatomical and evolutionary points of view. The most extensive part of the volume is devoted to the taxonomy and biology of the family Callitrichidae (marmosets, tamarins) and the family Callimiconidae (callimico). "...a masterpiece...A 'classic,' a scholarly enterprise of grand proportions." —Ronald Singer. Lavishly illustrated with 520 figures and 7 color plates. Bibliography of more than 2,500 published works. Gazetteer. 1,100 pages. 8 1/4" x 11 3/4". \$75.00 till 12/31/77; \$80.00 thereafter



icals from the tar have appeared in samples of the water taken from the storage tank at Pascagoula, in the parts-per-billion range—some of them chlorinated benzene-type compounds, and nearly all of them toxic.

By coincidence, this problem came to light just after publication of the National Academy of Sciences' *Summary Report on Drinking Water and Health*, issued on 23 May 1977. The report, commissioned by EPA under the Clean Water Act at a cost of \$1 million, strongly condemns both coal tar and asbestos as carcinogens, but does not emphasize that both are widely used construction materials in contact with potable water.

Resolution of this problem will be difficult because of the great cost of potential recoating and replacement of tanks and pipes, the large commercial interests and federal responsibilities involved, the strong scientific findings of a cancer hazard, and the federal obligation to ensure clean water and food.

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Medical School Tuition

In a quote in the briefing "Future doctors balk at bill" (News and Comment, 9 Sept., p. 1063), Jack O'Dowd, Northwestern University's director of university relations, appears to lay blame for the university's "... bungling the original announcement" of the rise in medical school tuition, and the subsequent lawsuit filed by the students, on the administration of the medical school. As in most universities, Northwestern's central administration makes the budgetary decisions. Individual schools have no more than advisory input. When the dean of the medical school went on vacation, he was told that no decision regarding tuition had been made. While he was on vacation, the university administration increased the tuition at the medical school by 57 percent and told the students about it by way of a press release. It is clear to the students that the medical school administration was opposed to the enormous tuition increase. The blame for the bungling of this affair and the subsequent lawsuit lies with the university administration, not with that of the medical school.

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