book provides a reasonably up-to-date overview and could well be a useful acquisition for scientists wishing to broaden their perspective in the molecular biology of cancer.

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Some Other Books of Interest

Darwin's Finches. DAVID LACK. Introduction and notes by Laurene M. Ratcliffe and Peter T. Boag. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1983. liv, 208 pp., illus., + plates. \$39.50; paper, \$13.95. Reprint, 1961 edition.

In their introduction to this augmented reprint Ratcliffe and Boag write that "few books have had as great an impact on evolutionary ecology as David Lack's Darwin's Finches," which, they state, "has remained a classic for . . . its extremely accurate descriptions of geospizine ecology and behaviour . . . and for its original, cogent formulation of the adaptive radiation model." The book, which draws on field studies conducted by the author during an expedition to the Galápagos in 1938-39, first appeared in 1947 and was reissued in 1961. To the present edition Ratcliffe and Boag, themselves biologists whose research has been concerned with the Galápagos finches, have added, in addition to the introduction describing the origins and impact of the work as a whole, a section of chapter-by-chapter notes indicating the present state of knowledge concerning various matters dealt with by Lack or placing his observations in the context of his other work. Material from the Lack archives at Oxford has been used in preparing the notes, and a list of some 150 "modern references" has been provided.-K.L.

Vulture Biology and Management. SANFORD R. WILBUR and JEROME A. JACKSON, Eds. University of California Press, Berkeley, 1984. xxii, 550 pp., illus. \$35. Based on a conference, Santa Barbara, Calif., March 1979.

Vulture Biology and Management consists of 32 contributions about half of which were presented at an international conference on the subject. The others were solicited by the editors to round out the coverage. Two opening papers on the fossil history (P. Rich) and the systematics (A. Rea) of the vultures are followed by 20 on the conservational status and the biology of vultures in various parts of the world. The 12 biological papers, which are equally divided between Old and New World vultures, include general discussions of adaptive radiation (D. Houston), competition for food (C. König), and nesting habits and reproductive success (Jackson) in various groups; the remainder are predominantly reports of field studies conducted by their authors. Five papers are then devoted to research and management techniques; two, both reports of studies on North American specimens, to effects of environmental contaminants; and two to the theme "vultures and man" in Old and New World prehistory. The final contribution is a 29-page bibliography supplementing one published by Wilbur in 1978. The book includes subject, author, geographical, and taxonomic indexes.

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Higher Mathematics from an Elementary Point of View. H. RADEMACHER. D. Goldfeld, Ed. Notes by G. Crane. Birkhäuser, Boston, 1983. viii, 138 pp., illus. \$29.95.

Hans Rademacher (1892-1969) is known for his work in analytical number theory. Also an expositor of mathematics to general audiences, he was the author, with Otto Toeplitz, of a popular work (1933) that has been translated into English as The Enjoyment of Mathematics. The present volume is based on 11 lectures, also for a general audience, given by Rademacher at Stanford University in 1947. The subjects covered are prime numbers, Farey fractions, decimal fractions, the approximation of irrational numbers by rational numbers, the exclusion-inclusion principle, Ford circles, the modular group and modular functions, and linkages. The source of the text is not clearly specified but is presumably notes taken by Crane at the time the lectures were delivered. To seven of the chapters, the editor, Goldfeld, has appended brief (one-paragraph) notes pointing out more recent results on the topics in question or otherwise indicating the context of the discussions. A brief updated bibliography and a subject index are included.-K.L.

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