

REVIEW

BUTTERFLIES OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Malcom Barcant D.I.C.T.A. 1970. 314 pages, 28 plates, most in color.

Collins, 14 St. Jame's Place, London, S.W.1. 55s. net.

A handy means for identification of the butterflies of any part of the American tropics is not easy to locate. The present volume will help fill part of the void and it does so well because many of the species (or relatives) discussed here and figured in color are also found in many other parts of the tropical regions extending from the Tropics of Cancer to Capricorn.

The style of presentation is excellent. There is little on detailed description of the insect itself, since the figures speak for themselves. Under each species is indicated: RANGE; DESCRIPTION; HABITS AND HABITAT.

There is a special "Classification of Butterflies, according to habits and environment of adult stage," consisting of six pages of tabular material which should be very useful.

The reviewer believes that a phylogenetic arrangement in the book would be more useful to serious collectors than one based on habits and habitats, though the latter arrangement, secondarily is excellent. The book is recommended to help all collectors interested in tropical American species.

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