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Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society

presents its

Fourth Annual Bird Show

September 15, 1990
Auburn Village School
Eaton Rd., Auburn, NH
(Exit 2 So. off Rte. 101)

For information:

Judy LaBonte
16 Highland Ave., Hudson, NH 03051
Phone (603) 881-9749

Kansas Avicultural Society (affiliated with ABS, AFA, NFS, SPBE, ACS, NCA and ALS)

will hold its

Ninth Annual Caged Bird Show

October 13, 1990

at the Wichita Quality Inn
8300 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS 67207
For information write or call:

Maria May
4621 Farmstead, Wichita, KS 67220
Phone (316) 744-1696

New Hampshire Avicultural Society's 16th Annual Cage-Bird Show

October 13, 1990

Saint Philip Greek Orthodox Church
500 W. Hollis St., (Exit 5W off Rte. 3)
Nashua, New Hampshire
Judges & Information:
Ann Beatham, 48B Chestnut St.
Nashua, NH, phone (603) 880-8164

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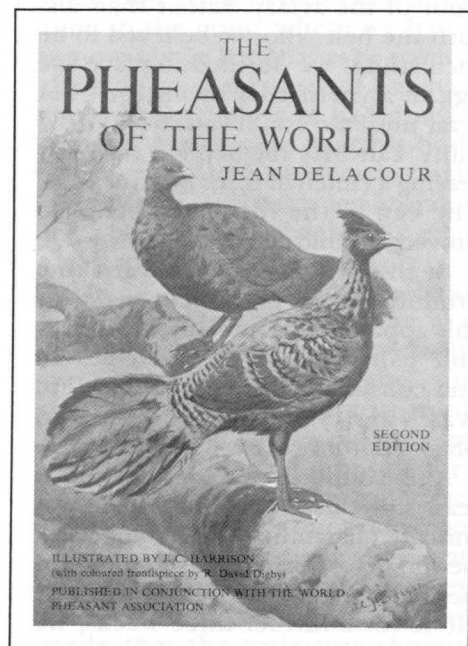
The Pheasants of the World

by Jean Delacour, editor
Spur Publications, Surrey, England
Published in conjunction with the World
Pheasant Association

reviewed by Jack Clinton-Eitniewar
San Antonio, Texas

In 1951, the first edition of *The Pheasants of the World* rolled off the press and was quickly considered the "standard work on the subject". Dealing with the systematics, distribution, life history and propagation of this popular group of birds, the book was much sought after by pheasant breeders and those interested in pheasant conservation. I recall, in 1969, having a "glimpse" of the book after building a small pheasant collection. What a shame, I thought, that a book containing so much information was so difficult to obtain. Well, in 1977 a second and revised edition was printed and is now available at most book outlets that specialize in books on natural history topics.

Each major group of pheasant is introduced and followed with specific information on each species. For example, the tragopans are introduced with discussion as to the identification of the five species and one subspecies recognized. A key is provided for easy identification and some notes as to "General Habits and Captivity" also included. One large range map shows the distribution of all the tragopans. This general infor-



mation is followed with a plate illustrating the five species. Each species is then discussed in detail. The two major categories which organize such details are "Description" and "General Habits and Captivity". At the end of each major section (eg. Tragopans, Koklass, Gallopheasants, etc.), Delacour includes some "Complementary Notes". In this section, he updates the reader as to the status of the group since the first edition was printed.

I found his advice as to diet most interesting. With the Satyr Tragopan, he advised, "to replace insects, which are necessary to them, a mash made of egg, cured milk and biscuit meal to which vitamins have been added" should be provided three or four times a week. It would appear that regardless of the species of bird one is housing, a varied diet is important.

Regardless of whether you have one or a hundred pairs of pheasants, this book is of value. Fortunately it is (unlike the first edition) one that you can place on your own library shelf for use and enjoyment as often as you wish. ●