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**Skutch, Alexander Frank.** A naturalist on a tropical farm. Illus. by Dana Gardner. 1980. 397p. illus. Univ. of California, \$16.95 (0-520-03802-9).

Ornithologist Skutch has resided for nearly 40 years on a farm in Costa Rica, where he has been in intimate contact with nature, has studied it, has raised and harvested produce, but has been careful to preserve, as much as possible, the natural environment of his land. He writes eloquently and passionately of his experiences and the plants and animals, particularly birds, with which he has dealt. Also, he describes the changes in climate and plant and animal life that occur over a period of a year as one month gives way to the next. He expresses provocative thoughts on the productivity of photosynthesis and the destructiveness of predation. Illustrated with graceful drawings of flora and fauna. Index. WBH.

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