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A Naturalist on a Tropical Farm.—Alexander F. Skutch. 1980. University of California Press, Berkeley. 405 p. \$16.95. Here is another volume of Skutch's experiences and observations of natural history in Costa Rica. In terms of his career, it follows his earlier books, *The Imperative Call* (1979. Noted in *Condor* 82:141) and *A Naturalist in Costa Rica* (1971). Most of the chapters focus on the plant and animal life surrounding the author's farm and the activities of the farm itself. The penultimate chapter describes a very different region in the northwestern part of the country. In closing, Skutch discusses his philosophy of life. The book is well designed and is handsomely illustrated with full-page scratchboard drawings by Dana Gardner. It will be enjoyed by those who have visited Central America and those who enjoy traveling vicariously.

We were pleased to publish this notice in our August 1980 issue. May I remind you that a display ad in The Condor would be an effective way of bringing this interesting work to the attention of American birders? Our advertising rates have not been raised for three years.

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