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the variety of social systems among the new world blackbirds family icteridae and the structural simplicity of their foraging environment provide excellent opportunities for testing theories about the adaptive significance of their behavior here gordon orians presents the results of his many years of research on how blackbirds utilize their marsh environments during the breeding season these results stem from information he gathered on three species during ten breeding seasons in the pacific northwest on red winged blackbirds during two breeding seasons in costa rica and on three species during one breeding season in argentina the author uses models derived from darwin s theory of natural selection to predict the behavior and morphology of individuals as well as the statistical properties of their populations first he tests models that predict habitat selection foraging behavior territoriality and mate selection then he considers some population patterns especially range of use of environmental resources and overlap among species that may result from those individual attributes professor orianns concludes with an overview of the structure of bird communities in marshes of the world and the relation of these patterns to overall source availability in these simple but productive habitats

in the year 1983 the british trust for ornithology celebrated its first 50 years this volume records much of the history of birdwatching and ornithology since the early 1930s the book is not a history of the bto but many of the trust s achievements helped fashion the development and direction of ornithology over the decades and major aspects of the trust s work rightly have detailed treatment the book ranges widely it looks at the changing bird as well as the changing bird watcher and records the work of related conservation bodies it considers the future and the past and includes an extensive section of useful facts and figures whilst never losing sight of the central theme which is the book s title few historical chronicles are as informative and eloquent as the journal written by prince maximilian of wied as a record of his journey into the north american interior in 1833 following the route lewis and clark had taken almost thirty years earlier maximilian s memorable descriptions of topography native peoples and natural history

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