

How to Choose and Use Field-Glasses, revised edition, by J. R. Hebditch, British Trust for Ornithology, Field Guild Number Two (revised), 1953. Price in England, 1/-. (Address of Trust, 2 King Edward Street, Oxford, England.)

This revised edition, substantially enlarged, embodies additional information relative to the subject matter of the guide. As this is contributed by Mr. Hebditch, who is an optical expert as well as an ornithologist, its value goes without question. As the cost of field-glasses today involves considerable outlay, any bird observer who is considering the purchase of what is an essential accessory to field work would be well advised to consult this guide, which deals with the choice, use and care of field-glasses.—R.H.D.S.

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These informative bulletins provide impressive evidence of the activities of the Trust, which include surveys of proposed nature reserves, bird-ringing, field investigations, census work, requests for information and a report of the Trust's last annual meeting. The Trust proposes to publish a new journal, *Bird Study*, beginning in March, 1954.

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NESTING OF QUAIL.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I am asking for information about the nesting of California quail and chukar (and other quail species, too, if anyone should have the data).

In particular I wish to know: (i) In what surroundings the nest was situated; (ii) the number of eggs in the completed clutch; (iii) the actual hatching date; (iv.) the number of eggs successfully hatched; (v.) the fate of any unsuccessful nests; (vi.) did the unhatched eggs contain dead embryos or were the eggs infertile; (vii.) the number of young and accompanying adults in any completely-counted family group and the date of this observation; and (viii.) any other information that might be thought relevant. Any information supplied will, of course, be personally acknowledged.—I am, etc.,

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