

**FISKARNA I FÄRG.** By KAI CURRY-LINDAHL. *Illustrated by Henning Anthon. Stockholm: Almqvist and Wiksell. Sixth edition 1966. 7¼ x 5 inches, 242 pages, coloured and black-and-white illustrations and maps. Sw. crowns 15.75.*

This book is the sixth, enlarged edition in thirteen years. It is another link in a long and distinguished series of Scandinavian handbooks on fauna and flora for laymen. Fishes found in Swedish salt, brackish, and fresh water are described. A wealth of information on the distribution, biology, and ecology of each species is provided, which the author has successfully compiled and condensed from a multitude of sources. Economically important and game fishes are treated in greater detail than rare species, clearly not by design, but because of the more intensive studies of these fishes. The classification system overlooks contributions to the taxonomy of fishes made by Berg and others in the Soviet Union. One may wonder why a general

key or several minor keys were not provided, at least for species commonly encountered.

In recent years, the Swedish fish fauna has been augmented by transplantation of salmonoid fishes from North America and eastern Europe. There are few, if any, full accounts of these transplantations, and the book fills a real need in this respect. A short mention of unsuccessful transplantations might have added to its value.

The coloured illustrations are remarkably well done considering the reasonable price (about \$3.00); but the black-and-white illustrations could be improved, especially those of the sockeye salmon. There are numerous distribution maps. It would be well if the next edition were to contain a chapter on the distribution of many species in relation to the postglacial history of Fenno-Scandia, and a chapter on regional community structure. Such chapters would add materially to the value of an otherwise highly commendable work.

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