

Naturalist's Delight

LIKE many of those things, Indian wildlife is a little explored world. The tribe of naturalists is depressingly small. In the 25 years, politically conscious environmentalists have involuntarily highlighted the rich and diverse flora and fauna in the country, and the danger of extinction which many of them are facing. But the nature lover who loves forests, rivers, animals and birds for their own sake have not yet emerged on the horizon. But there is not enough information about 'wild nature', and any book about the subject turns out to be a blessing. *Directory Of National Parks And Sanctuaries In Karnataka — Management, Status And Profiles* (Indian Institute of Public Administration; Price: Rs 350), with its superb sketches and its vital information is a naturalist's delight.



Given the bad state of printing, photographs always fail to convey the beauty both of animals and of the landscape. The sketches used in this publication are quite superb. The maps of all the sanctuaries also give crucial information. The written text is like that of a government gazette, with its archaic formalisms. But it manages to convey essential information. This book is a rich resource book for both children and adults.