

NEW BOOKS

HARTMANN M. & WEIPERT J. (eds.): *Biodiversität und Naturlausstattung im Himalaya II - Biodiversity and Natural Heritage in the Himalaya II*. Verein der Freunde und Förderer des Naturkundemuseums Erfurt e. V., 548 pp., 983 b/w fig., XII coloured plates. Price: 89 €. ISBN 3-00-019541-6

The book is a free continuation of the first title by Hartmann & Baumbach (2003), specialists from Naturkundemuseum Erfurt, and their co-workers. Like the first volume, the book considered here published new knowledge concerning Himalayan fauna and flora.

It comprises 33 works by 33 authors, including five Czech entomologists. Two works are focussed on biodiversity, one on microbial aerofauna, one on Homoptera, one on Mollusca, one on Aves, one on Phthiraptera and Ischnocera, one on Orthoptera, one on Lepidoptera, and 23 works are aimed at Coleoptera: Carabidae (7), Scarabaeidae (4), Cerambycidae (3), Staphylinidae (2), and one each of Cantharidae, Cleridae and Thanerocleridae, Curculionidae, Dermestidae, Hydraenidae, Latridiidae, Scirtidae, and Tenebrionidae.

These entomological works are wide-ranging in their contents and scope, from faunistic articles to contributions containing descriptions of new taxa and reviews or keys concerning some genera occurring in the area of interests; however, the book also includes two revisions (Carabidae: Amara: Paracelia-subgenus group; Pterostichus-subgenus Pseudethira). Both types, faunistic and taxonomic works are in certain cases accompanied by general reviews of taxa occurring in the area (e. g. Carabidae) and in some other cases (e. g. Cleridae, Cerambycidae, Tenebrionidae), they are also documented by colour plates. The book is characterized by a high professional technical performance, which is a standard feature of works published by the museum in Erfurt. The book is also supplemented by colour photographs depicting the Himalayan landscape, related to certain works (e. g. Carabidae). Rather inconvenient larger format of the book was undoubtedly employed due to the considerable extent of the work published. The book can be recommended to anybody, who is interested in this area and, together with the first volume, the two books will be indispensable for any library. For whole contents informations you will find on www.naturkundemuseum-erfurt.de.

The book may be ordered from: Verein der Freunde & Förderer des Naturkundemuseum Erfurt e. V., Grosse Arche 14, D-99084 Erfurt, or matthias.hartmann@erfurt.de

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HARTMANN M. & BAUMBACH H. (eds.): *Biodiversität und Naturlausstattung im Himalaya - Biodiversity and Natural Heritage in the Himalaya*. Verein der Freunde und Förderer des Naturkundemuseums Erfurt e. V., 408 pp., 270 b/w fig., XVI coloured plates.

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