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M. C. CLARK (editor), *A fungus flora of Warwickshire* (British Mycological Society, London, 1980). Pp. 272. Price £ 8.—.

This book is an annotated list of the fungi of the English county of Warwickshire. This unique survey of the fungus flora of a British county was undertaken jointly by members of the Birmingham Natural History Society and members of the staff of the Department of Plant Biology of the University of Birmingham. It supplements the earlier-published survey of the vascular plants and bryophytes of the county (Cadbury, Hawkes & Readett. 'A computer-mapped flora: a study of the county of Warwickshire.' London, 1971). There is information on habitats, distribution, and other details relating to 2,600 species of slime molds, fungi, and lichens. This book is very useful to mycologists interested in field work and those engaged in mycological surveys of other areas. The methods employed and their specific difficulties are discussed.

F. KOTLABA, *Unsere Pilze* (Albatros, Praha, 1980). Pp. 360.

This pocket-book is a field-guide for mycological beginners or the mushroom hunter. Its main part consists of 126 coloured plates representing many species of common fungi accompanied by short macroscopic descriptions and indications on edibility or toxicity. It is a German translation of Kotlaba's 'Naše Houby' (1965).

H. P. UPADHYAY, *A monograph of Ceratocystis and Ceratocystiopsis* (Univ. of Georgia Press, Athens, U.S.A., 1981). Pp. XIV + 176, 513 Figs. Price: \$ 27,50.

This book deals with the study of both the sexual and asexual states of *Ceratocystis* and *Ceratocystiopsis*. Seventy-five species of *Ceratocystis* and fifteen species of *Ceratocystiopsis* are described. The ascomycetous genus *Ceratocystis* has *Sporothrix* and *Acremonium* as conidial states. Keys for identification are included. Thirty-nine names are reduced to synonymy and fifteen species are excluded for taxonomic reasons or inadequate knowledge.

This well-illustrated monograph is a basis for future taxonomic work in the group. It provides a useful reference book for mycologists and plant pathologists who have to deal with these fungi.