



A STUDY IN HORNS—beisa oryx in East Africa *Norman Myers*

Reports and Journals

Saving the Lion Marmoset edited by D. D. Bridgwater, (American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, \$5.00) presents the results of a specialists' conference. It includes papers on current taxonomic status, status in the wild and in captivity, behavioural biology and captive husbandry, as well as papers on similar rare marmoset species, a recommended captive-management programme and research priorities. Of particular value is a virtually complete unverified bibliography of the family Callithricidae from 1900 to early 1972.

An Ecological Reconnaissance of Wilpattu National Park, Ceylon, by John F. Eisenberg and Melvyn Lockhart (Smithsonian Contributions to Zoology, Number 101) is a 118-page report, based on a 14-month survey of some 580 square kilometres, and deals primarily with the wildlife biomass in relation to the ecosystem, as well as habitat utilisation. Social organisations of the ungulates are compared with their anti-predator behaviour and recommendations for park management discussed.

Vegetation of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania, by Dennis J. Herlocker and Herman J. Dirschl (Canadian Wildlife Service Report, No. 19, \$1.25), describes the principle physiographic units with photographic illustrations and a large fold-away vegetation map (scale 1:250,000)—an immensely useful publication about a most important area conservation-wise.

Christmas Lectures in London

The FPS, the Mammal Society and the Deer Society are sponsoring four lectures for young people on Endangered Animals, at the Natural History Museum:-

Thursday December 27th: *Endangered British Mammals*, by Lord Cranbrook, formerly President of the Mammal Society

Friday December 28th: *Deer of the World*, by F. J. Taylor-Page, Secretary of the British Deer Society

Monday December 31st: *The Great Whales*, by S. G. Brown of the National Institute of Oceanography.

Tuesday January 1st, 1974: *World Wildlife*, by Cyril Littlewood, Director of the Wildlife Youth Service

All the lectures will be in the Lecture Hall, beginning at 2.15 p.m. Tickets: £1 for the series, obtainable in advance from the Education Officer, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, or 30p per lecture at the door.