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Defeating Winter

LIVING THINGS use a wide variety of means in defeating or evading the deadly blight of winter! Plants, in general, have the hardest time of it.

Lower forms, being mostly aquatic, keep refuge in the water, as fish do, and stolidly stick it out. Water seldom freezes all the way to the bottom. Some of these pond inhabitants, at that, produce desistant spores in autumn, that fall to the bottom and lie dormant until spring.

Higher plants either trust the fate of coming generations to their seed and submit to being frozen to death, as the annual herbs do, or crouch beneath coverings of dead leaves and drifted snow, or even retreat into bulbs, rootstocks, etc., leaving no parts exposed above the surface. Trees, shrubs and woody vines either shed their leaves and stand as skeletons through the bitter season, or cling stubbornly to close-reefed evergreen foliage, and wrestle it out with the storms.

Animals, being motile for the most part, have a wider choice. Some, like short-lived insects, entrust the fate of the species to eggs or pupae, as annual plants do to seeds, and make no attempt to live through the winter. Others, notably birds, frankly run away, migrating southward in vast flocks as winter moves down the map, to return north with spring.

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Many animals, like hawks and owls, chickadees and nuthatches, the fox, wolf and weasel tribes, rabbits and quite a number of rodents, are able to find enough food to keep their life-fires going full blast all winter, especially since the majority of them are able to make or find warm shelter of some kind.

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New Birds Discovered In Arabian Sultanate

A NEW babbler, lark and warbler were discovered by an expedition of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia to the Arabian Sultanate of Muscat and Oman.

William K. Carpenter headed the expedition to the independent Arab state which covers an 800-mile strip of coastline fronting on the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

The new lark was named Ammomanes deserti taimuri, Muscat Desert Lark, in honor of Sultan Said bin Taimur of Muscat and Oman. Carpenter's Streaked Wren Warbler, Prinia gracilis carpenteri, was named for Mr. Carpenter. Turdoides squamiceps muscatensis, Muscat Brown Babbler, was the third subspecies discovered.

The lark is an exceptionally dull-colored, grayish race of desert larks. The Muscat Babbler has a shorter bill, wing and tail than its closest relatives and is less brownish in color. The new warbler has fine markings and is somewhat larger than similar birds found in India.

Complete descriptions of the new subspecies have been published by the Academy of Natural Sciences.

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