

BOOK NOTICES

A full review of books announced in this section may be published in *Blumea* at a later date.

MICHAEL E. SOULÉ & GORDON H. ORIANI (eds.): Conservation Biology. Research priorities for the next decade. Society for Conservation Biology/Islands Press, Washington, Covelo, London, 2001. xvii + 307 pp. ISBN 1-55963-868-0 (cloth), 1-55963-869-9 (paperback). Price: unknown.

Conservation Biology offers a synopsis of present accomplishments in the field of conservation of organisms and proposes a set of priorities for research in the near future. The book deals with species risk assessment and management, human influence on food webs, problems around exotic species, habitat fragmentation, conservation priorities in special groups of organisms, global change and ecological restoration.

A good up to date overview of *Conservation Biology* as a science.

K.J. WILLIS & J.C. MCELWAIN: The Evolution of Plants. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002. x + 378 pp., illus. ISBN 0-19-850065-3. Price: GBP 22.99.

A student's handbook on plant evolution. The book offers a comprehensive modern outlook on plant evolution. It covers the whole geological time scale with focus on periods of major changes. Fossils (including ancient DNA) play the important role in this book.

Recommended for undergraduate students and their teachers.

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