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S.N.H.S. SUMMER MEETING AT EMMA LAKE

The Saskatchewan Natural History Society has been invited by the Prince Albert Natural History Society to hold its 1958 summer meeting at Emma Lake. We are pleased to accept the invitation of the P. A. society, and we suggest that you plan *now* to be at Emma Lake next summer.

The BLUE JAY Bookshelf



Wild Plants of the Canadian Prairies

By A. C. Budd. Publication No. 983, Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, 1957. \$1.50.

This is a revision in more convenient format of the mimeographed publication "Wild Plants of the Farming and Ranching Areas of the Canadian Prairies," Ottawa, 1952. As such, it remains the only usable flora of the Canadian Prairies. Those of us who had to learn to recognize our plants from Rydberg's confusing and often misleading writings will know what a need it fills. It could be, even, that the author has not been quite ruthless enough in eliminating the Rydbergian phoney species — I notice a few left in *Aster*, for example.

The keys seem eminently workable. Some people have regretted the necessity for keys saying, "Why aren't there more pictures?" The answer is that when over 1200 species are to be described there is no escape from written keys. The author has taken pains, as he says, to keep the language as simple and non-technical as possible; but a certain amount of work is yet required from those who would use this book. The utter novice would be well advised to begin by going over carefully the introductory material — the diagrams and descriptions of plant parts and the directions for using the keys. This explanatory text, one notes, has been enlarged and transferred to the front of the book in the new edition. Perhaps in the written text special mention might have been made of some plants which are hard to key out, e.g. a greenhorn could have quite a time trying to decide if members of the Ragweed subfamily have both calyx and corolla in the flowers.

The printing is clear and the line drawings (by the author) have charming quality. There are 6 species shown in the drawings; the number should give the novice foothold from which to study further. A hard cover might have been useful, considering the field usage many copies are destined for. — John F. Hudson, Regina.