

ders with my husband, that if the falcon came back, he was to feed it some rabbit. Well, Saturday evening the 27th, when Nick looked out, not one but two falcons were perched on the bales. He went out and put a piece of rabbit on the bales and watched but before the falcons came back the cats ate the meat, so he put out more rabbit and again the cats ate it; he gave up, too soon.

The next day, Nick saw a falcon

chasing a Great Horned Owl out of our garden trees.

To this day I am sorry I had to be away and miss out on the thrill of watching the two falcons.

I hope the falcons come to our yard for their "chicken dinners" and not to some yard where a gun would get after them. — *Flossie Bogden*, Box 92, Spring Valley, Saskatchewan, S0H 3X0.



WINTER SEARCH PARTY

A Guide to insects and other invertebrates

By Helen Ross Russell

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This book will interest everyone from young child to armchair naturalist. Descriptions of common insects, wonderfully simple line drawings and information on life cycles, behaviour (some of which is truly amazing) and environment, are not only interesting but give a wealth of knowledge to those of us who have not made a study of these creatures. I believe the book was written primarily for young people but the main thought in the author's mind is to make all of us conscious of the fact that our natural history studies, whatever our specialties may be need not cease because of winter weather when most of our birds have migrated to warmer

areas and trees and plants are at rest.

A strong point made by Helen Russell is that one can find insects and invertebrates in one stage or another, without making great treks through the countryside. They are in our houses, garages, sheds, on plants, trees and even in frozen ponds — in fact, most nooks and crannies will produce some form of life for us to study. The book tells us what to look for and where to look, however minute the animal may be.

Equipment necessary for winter study of insects is so simple that most of it can be found right in our own homes.

The author is keen to impress on us all that there is a very important interrelationship between all living things, great and small, and while she condones a certain amount of collecting for study purposes, she is opposed to wanton destruction of any animal — even so-called pests, (although she admits some things need to be controlled to some extent).

Read this book and find out how much you know about insects and other invertebrates. There is a good chance your interest may be stimulated to the point that you will be moved to do some searching of your own, throughout the winter months — or better yet, make it a family affair! — *Pat O'Neil*, 1125 Elliot Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.