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The mammals of northern Alaska on the Arctic Slope was published today. Full bibliographic entry:

James W. Bee and E. Raymond Hall. Lawrence, Kansas: Allen Press, 1956 (Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Misc. Publ. no. 8). 9 x 6 inches; 309 pages, Col. frontispiece; 4 plates, 127 numbered figures, 5 tables.

Some responses are:

Frank A. Petelka, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Univ. of Berkeley, California: "The gathering and ordering of information has obviously been careful and comprehensive, and I know all current and future students of Alaskan mammals will be greatly assisted by your work. There are implied or declared points about the biology of the individual microtine species which I don't agree, but when with a work of such broad scope, you were not attempting to deal with individual species elaborately. Anyway, if disagreements didn't arise, research would be a dull business. I should add also that the book is beautifully layed out, the illustrations are excellent, and altogether the effect of the plan is a pleasing one."

Remington Kellogg, Director, Smithsonian Institution, United States National Museum, Washington 25, D.C. May 4. "You have surely done a thorough job of studying and writing up a fauna that until a few years ago was practically unknown. I want to congratulate both of you in producing a very fine contribution to North American mammalogy."

Carl L. Hubbs, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California: "... my interest in mammals, as you of course know, is in the marine forms, and I was enormously pleased with the very fine treatment that you accorded these in the book ... I would very much indeed like to have a copy in my personal library, which I use quite often for reference. The illustrations, for the marine mammals and others, are most attractive and useful. They certainly contrast with the sloppy outline figures that so many people are satisfied to use these days ..."