

N. V. Tupikova, L. V. Komarova: Principy i metody zoologicheskogo kartografirovaniy (Principles and methods of zoological cartography). *Publ. House Moskovsk. Univers., Moskva 1979, 189 pp., 29 Figs., 14 Tables. Price 0.60 R.*

The drawing of maps, on which the occurrence and distribution of particular animal species and groups are plotted, constitutes an integral part of certain type of zoological research. The present publication is a methodological manual encompassing the problems encountered in the cartography of zoological objects. It is divided into five chapters entitled as follows: Common problems of animal cartography; Preparatory work, collecting, registration and processing of material, formulation of legend; Classification of zoological objects and phenomena; Drawing of map; Methods of marking zoological objects and phenomena on a map. The titles show the range of problems discussed in relevant parts of the text. On the basis of

abundant factographic material from the territory of the Soviet Union and using numerous examples the reader will be informed about the entire process of preparation and the mapping of zoological objects.

Of special interest to the parasitologist are chapters about the mapping of the occurrence of ticks and different mammals — reservoirs of infection. The chapters are thus concerning the problems solved within the framework of studies on natural focality of diseases. It is a valuable and topical publication and its authors are to be warmly congratulated on providing a practical guide to this field of research.

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