

## NOTES

### Range Extension of the File Fish *Monocanthus melanocephalus*

On June 9, 1948, a "kawakawa" (*Eutrymna yaito* Kishinouye) was caught from surface waters three miles south of Makapuu Point, Oahu, Hawaii. The stomach of this fish was removed and the content preserved in 7 per cent formalin solution. Eleven identical fish of the family Monacanthidae were included in the stomach content. The least damaged specimen was identified as a young *Monocanthus melano-*

*cephalus* Bleeker.

Available literature indicates that this species of fish is known from East Indian waters and through the tropical Pacific as far east and north as Johnson Island. This is the first record of its occurrence in Hawaiian waters.—James P. Welsh, Division of Fish and Game, Territorial Board of Agriculture and Forestry, Honolulu, Hawaii.

### News Notes

Beginning with the current year new members of the Board of Editors of *Pacific Science* will serve for a term of three years. It is felt that such a system will insure both a desirable continuity and a healthful change of personnel. With this issue we welcome the following new members to the Board: Robert W. Hiatt, G. L. Kesteven, Luna B. Leopold, J. P. Martin, and John J. Naughton.

*In Gardens of Hawaii.*—A book "intended for use by amateurs as a floral guide to Hawaii, chiefly plants found at warm low altitudes," is the characterization given by the author. Botanists and other biologists will also find it useful, however. A total of 2,020 species of plants is covered, 600 of them illustrated. Those included are primarily ornamental and food plants, introduced from all parts of the world. Ferns and their allies, gymnosperms, and angiosperms are treated. Keys to genera are included. Additional features are the calendar for the flowering time of some of the best known ornamentals and color keys to the flowers and fruits of many of the species. Native Hawaiian names and legends are included where these are known.

NEAL, MARIE C. *In Gardens of Hawaii*. 805 p., 312 figs. Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, 1948. Price \$8.00.

*Conservation in Micronesia.*—(A report on two conferences held under the auspices of the Pacific Science Board in Honolulu, T. H., and Washington, D. C., in April and May 1948.) Compiled by Harold J. Coolidge, Executive Secretary, Pacific Science Board. 70 p. National Research Council, Washington 25, D. C. Price \$1.00.

This important compilation presents some of the plans for conservation of the flora and fauna, as well as of the human inhabitants and their cultures, in the Trust Territories of the Pacific, together with both general and specific recommendations for achieving this conservation made by participants in the two conferences.

The following publications of the Natural Resources Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, have been received. Each report includes a list of all those published, their distribution, and rules for obtaining them.

*Canned Crab Industry of Japan*. Report No. 109. 52 p., 17 figs.

*Reconnaissance Soil Survey of Japan. Kanto Plain Area*. Report No. 110-A. 72 p., 1 fig., 1 pl., 9 maps.

*English-Japanese Terms. Mining and Petroleum Industry*. Report No. 111. 52 p.

*Lignite in Japan*. Report No. 112. 52 p., 22 figs., 1 map.

*Mining Practices at Matsuo Pyrite Mine Japan*. Report No. 114. 40 p., 2 figs.

*Asbestos Resources of Japan*. Report No. 115. 36 p., 4 figs., 1 pl.