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E. PALM: Nordeuropas Pyralider. 18 × 25 cm, 287 pp., 8 colour plates, 264 figs and ca. 400 distribution maps, Apollo Books, Lundbyvej 36, DK-5700 Svendborg, Denmark, 1986, DKr. 400, (ISBN 87-88738-04-3).

This book is the third volume in the series "Danmarks Dyreliv" (Vol. 1: Diptera, Syrphidae and Vol. 2: Lepidoptera, Geometridae) of which many volumes are in preparation. The author gives the characteristics of the family Pyralidae and then treats all of the North European Pyralidae species in the same way: description of the adult, distribution in northern Europe, habitat, phenology, flight period, food plant and larval behaviour. There are two distribution maps for almost all species: one of North Europe and one of Denmark. The identification of sibling species is facilitated with drawings of genitalia or wing venation. The colour plates depict all of the treated species. The Phycitinae are somewhat enlarged and the other subfamilies slightly reduced. This does not hamper the identification of specimens, except maybe for the Scopariinae.

Unfortunately, the main body of the book is written in Danish and this could prevent a wide distribution of this interesting study. To solve this problem partly, a very short summary in English is given for each species. The book is of interest for all entomologists studying Pyralidae. Subscribers to the whole series profit from a discount of 15% on all volume prices.

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