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List of serial publications in the British Museum (Natural History) library.

Edition 2, in 3 vols., 1275 pp, bound in cloth, ca. 30 x 22 cm, off-set from typewritten original. British Museum (Natural History), London, 1975 (for internal use only), reprint 1977 available for sale since 1978. Price: £ 25,—.

The libraries of the British Museum (Natural History) form together the most comprehensive natural history library-unit in the world. Therefore the publication in 1968 of the first edition of the 'List of serials' meant more than an internal event: the book is now found in the private libraries of many a taxonomist all over the world. Although the first edition had some small errors, it was incredibly cheap and became a handy one volume substitute of the expensive, bulky and long out of print '*World list of scientific periodicals*'. The second edition has 'grown-up' into three volumes, leaving ample space for written notes on every page. It seems that 4000 new entries and 2700 correction fully justify the publication of the second edition; with some 15000 serial titles British Museum (Natural History) library retains its leading position. The new edition can hardly be called cheap, but the price increase does not seem unreasonable in view of the almost continuously high inflation rate the Sterling has suffered over the past ten years. I have found so far only two serious errors: *Acta Universitatis Debreciniensis* de Ludovico Kossuth Nominatae (*Acta Univ. debrecen.*) can hardly be published in Budapest and the split for several years until further amalgamation in 1882 of *Trudy russk. ent. Obshch.* and *Horae Soc. ent. Ross.* is not recorded also the true date of publication (the availability on the market) should have been given. The new edition, providing up-to-date list of the 'world list abbreviations' is worthy of purchase.

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