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Periodyki okresu zaborów jako źródło do historii zoologii w Polsce

Scientific journals during the period of partitions as a source for the history of zoology in Poland

SUMMARY

During the period of partitioned Poland (the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries), the main sources for the historiography of zoology among periodicals consisted – at a time when no zoological journals were published – of annual, quarterly and weekly general naturalist and scientific journals, as well as, in extreme cases, dailies and almanacs. The analysis of the subject matter of such publications from the perspective of a historian of zoology is facilitated by the existence of specialized bibliographies, compiled, e.g., by Majer (1862), Estreicher (1875, 1877), Jakubski and Dyradowska (1927), as well as by an ongoing naturalist bibliography published in the Lwów-based journal “Kosmos”. In recent decades help has also come from lists of writings on the subject that have appeared regularly, since 1971, in successive parts of the Catalogue of the Fauna of Poland (*Katalog Fauny Polski*), published by the Institute of Zoology (now the Institute and Museum of Zoology) of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. Useful in this kind of inquiries are biographical dictionaries: the Dictionary of Polish Biologists (*Słownik biologów polskich*), and the Polish Biographical Dictionary (*Polski słownik biograficzny*), whose volumes have been published since 1935 in Cracow. A critical discussion of the subject matter of two out of the three major – mainly naturalist – scientific journals of the period under consideration (i.e. the Cracow-based “Sprawozdania Komisji Fizjograficznej” [Reports of the Physiographic Committee] and the Warsaw-based “Pamiętnik Fizjograficzny” [The Physiographic Diary]) is contained in studies by Pawłowski (2004) and Liana (2002). The subject matter of the Lwów-based “Kosmos” has yet to be analysed in a similar manner.

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