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MONTHLY BULLETIN

FORESTRY, FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
Pratt, Kansas

OCTOBER - 1938

After a careful survey of the wildlife conditions in Kansas, by districts as well as local wardens, and also from sportsmen, farmers and others who are interested in conserving our much depleted bird life, as well as our fur-bearers and fish, the reports are very encouraging. In districts where quail and prairie chickens had completely vanished, farmers and sportsmen report that these birds are again established, although not in sufficient numbers to allow shooting. In some districts, however, where the quail have not suffered as much from the droughty conditions of the past six years, some excellent shooting will be had. It is apparent to anyone who is interested, that not for some time, have we had such an abundance of song and insect eating birds. This is especially noticeable in cities and communities where the trees and shrubbery have been taken care of during the dry years. The above conditions can be chiefly attributed to the facts that the abundance of moisture during the past year has been very helpful to all kinds of vegetation, which is necessary to our wildlife, and another is the interest that is being taken by the general public, this is especially true as to our newspapers, which have done much to have their readers become conservation minded.

When this issue of the Bulletin reaches its readers, the duck season will have opened. So again the writer feels that it is timely to call your attention to the fact that if you wish to hunt migratory waterfowl, if you have not already done so, you must have a Federal Duck Stamp attached to your hunting license. These duck stamps can be purchased at any first or second class postoffice, the price is one dollar. The money derived from the sale of these stamps is used by the Biological Survey Department at Washington and is used to pay the Federal game wardens, feed game birds and animals when and where necessary, and to purchase wildlife refuges and breeding sanctuaries. Each issue of these stamps is a philatelic item, for an artist engraves a new design each year and all unsold stamps on December 31st are destroyed.

Again it is with us, the infallible signs each one of us has looked forward to each year of our lives, some with dread and some with anticipation. Coming as it does, at the same period each year, it has proved to us all that this is Mother Nature's way of telling us, that in spite of all the laws of science or man, she will still have us bow to her laws, the same as the most lowly insect that crawls. In other words, the autumn season is here. As we observe her never changing rules from year to year, the frosty tang of the air that follows the blasting heat of the summer, the changing color of the leaves on the trees to hues that only she can give them, telling you and me that their duties during the past season have been done as they slowly fall to the earth. As we see the squirrels gather in their food supply, and the many others under her care prepare themselves for what they have been taught, and know is sure to come. This is Mother Nature's way of telling you that the autumn season is here.

It is estimated that at least 15,000 people visited the exhibit of the Fish and Game Commission Department, at the Thomas County Free Fair at Colby and also the Northwest Kansas Free Fair at Goodland. Seth Way, Fish Culturist, had charge of our fish and live game display. Leo Brown, Biologist for this Department, had charge of the exhibit at the Trego County Fair at Wakeeney and the Southwest Fair at Dodge City. Both Mr. Way and Mr. Brown claim the exhibit attracted great attention.

The widespread lack of appreciation of our song birds is another world wonder. Bird lovers everywhere have registered complaints involving not only youths who prey on our songbirds, largely because of an innate restlessness in their makeup, but a correspondingly large number of adults who regard songbirds merely as a potential food supply. To the sportsman the destruction of songbirds is repellant. A world devoid of their beauty and cheer would be a drab place indeed, and the ascendance of insect life over the power of man-made control methods would be rapid and certain. Unbalanced conditions may sometimes result because of the greater ability of some species to survive under unfavorable environmental conditions, but even birds with predatory inclinations should not be reduced to the possibility of extinction. Most birds are essentially insect and weed feeders. Increased interest in, and vigilance for the complete protection of songbirds cannot be too strongly urged. These principles should be included in home training, in school instruction and in law enforcement operations. No community is too small for an educational and law enforcement campaign of its own, designed to protect the bird life which brings its daily cheer and exacts such a low cost. There can be no sport in, or reason for, ~~stopping the song of a robin, a meadow lark, a cardinal or any other feathered songster.~~ They deserve our protection and care. -Illinois Conservationist.

This is the proper time for those who are interested in conserving our quail and other bird life that spend their winter with us, to give some thought as they harvest their row crops to leaving some of the large crop they have this year, for the birds. A row or two left standing for our feathered friends, is a small reward for the insects and weed seed that they have eaten during the spring, summer and fall. Leave some of the growth of weeds along fence rows, it will mean protection for them when real winter arrives. A shock of milo or kaffir corn in some favorite place of theirs, will be appreciated by them, when the deep snow arrives.

Again, there is, always has and always will be, more or less dissatisfaction with the arranging of zones, the number of days, and the time of the season that migratory waterfowl may be hunted. This is a problem that can never be so arranged that everyone will be satisfied. Conditions are found to vary in different sections of the same state, some wish the season to open earlier and some wish it later. There is no question in our mind that the Biological Survey Department have gone over the matter very carefully and have advised with the wardens and commissions of all the states, and have arranged the zones, rules, and regulations so as to be fair to the greatest number of hunters, as well as to the ducks.

When this issue of the Bulletin reaches you, the open season on doves will be closed. (October 15) While there has been a great many of doves this season, and a great many of our sportsmen have enjoyed a day hunting these birds, the Editor will concede that if the dove is shot legitimately on the wing, it is a sporty proposition, but when they talk of dove pot pie, we think it is the Bunk. Very much like eating an inferior grade of soup with chop sticks. After dissecting the craws of fourteen doves, we found as follows, twelve of them contained thousands of five varieties of weed seed, one was filled with wheat, another barley. We are thoroughly convinced that the dove as a weed seed destroyer is one of our most commendable birds, but as a game bird, we simply cannot enthuse.

The Fish and Game Department has the addresses of several individuals, who have fish for sale, for stocking purposes. These addresses will be gladly furnished upon the request of anyone interested.

A judge, to the defendant who had just been convicted of hunting without a license: "Alright, \$10 or ten days!"

Defendant: "Well, judge, if it don't make any difference to you, I'd rather have the \$10."

There's a sadness in the rustle of the golden leaves in autumn-
A sadness, which belies the shouting glory, which they flaunt.
Beneath their bright-hued mantles, some inherent woe is surging-
Deep undertones of pain, that all their paths of beauty haunt.

I catch the rhythm of this muted, melancholy music,
As, from the golden boughs, the leaves their earthward journey
start.
I know that spring is waiting on the other side of winter,
And yet the falling autumn leaves strike sorrow in my heart.

-Alice Gill Benton

Are you telling me what these snappy mornings do to you? That only too often during the day, while going about your daily routine, your thoughts wander to where you have your hunting equipment stored away? Fess up, that as you drive about the farm lands and surrounding country, and have observed the ripening corn fields and other vegetation, you are cataloging the many places that look good to you, as to their possibilities of being the home of a nice covey or two; or perhaps it has recalled to your memory that in previous years it had been the rendezvous of numerous bunnies. Oh Boy! It won't be long now. You can call up Bill Brown, your old shooting pardner, and tell him you had driven out past Jim Jones' place, and jim had told you, that he had seen more quail and rabbits on his place this season, than for a number of years. "Lets treat Jim pretty nice when he comes to town next week, lets invite him to lunch, we might even go farther than that, he takes one once in a while." Both of the dogs, Pete and Bess, seem to be waking up, don't want to lay in the shade and scratch so much. By the way, in looking through that old hunting coat of mine, I found that package of cigarettes you handed me last fall. My wife insists that I throw that old coat away and get a new one, says it is a disgrace to wear it longer. Bill, I wouldn't trade that old coat for a half a dozen new ones, too many fond memories connected with it. This is what autumn does to you.

In making a plea for closer cooperation from the farmers of this country in providing natural cover and food for birds. The American Wildlife Institute points out that the present value of insect eating birds to the Nation's farmers is more than \$350,000,000 each year.

The fantastic theory that insects might someday dominate the world, which is sometimes advanced by imaginative scientists, would become reality if it were not for the birds, according to the American Wildlife Institute.

Birds constitute the main check against the reproduction of insects, points out C. M. Palmer, Secretary of the Institute. If that check were removed, insects would multiply so rapidly, that they would clean the world of all vegetation, leaving man to starve in a barren waste.

Conservation begins at home. There is something everyone can do about it. Perhaps your town or community has a beauty spot endangered or neglected. A wood, an island or a lake. Is it safe for posterity or is it liable to selfish destruction? Conservation means conserving not only growing things, but wildlife as well. All of us can do something for the birds. You may have no more than a window sill, but you can feed the birds and help get rid of the starving wretched cats who are the foremost bird killers. When you plant trees, don't plant all of one kind, monotonous forestation makes for a thin bird population. Dead hollow trees should be left standing, they are nesting sites for blue birds, woodpeckers, swallows and owls. When you take away their homes, they have no choice but to leave you, and up goes the insect population.

The Fish and Game Laws, the same as other laws, are worthless, without popular support. The laws of public opinion is its own police force. The man who breaks the fish and game laws is a thief, stealing from the public heritage, and he should be condemned as such.

We need nature, as it needs us. Complacently we say to ourselves, that conservation of our wildlife is a good thing, but what can I personally do about it? Plainly, we can do a great deal. The personal conscience moves you to save our wildlife, the sheltering trees, the fowl of the air, the waters upon the earth and all that is in them. You are saving not only Kansas, but you are saving America.

Henry Ward Beecher says of the crow. "Aside from the special question of profit and loss, we have a warm side toward the crow, he is much like ourselves. He is lazy, that is human, he is cunning, and that is human, he takes advantage of those weaker than himself, and that is manlike, he is sly, and hides for tomorrow what he can't eat today, showing a real human providence. He learns tricks much faster than he does useful things, showing a true boy nature. He likes his own color best, and loves to hear his own voice, which are eminent traits of humanity. He will never work when he can get another to work for him, a genuine

human trait, he eats whatever he can get his claws upon and is less mischievous with his belly full than when he is hungry, and that is like a man; he is at war with all living things except his own kind, and with them he has nothing to do. No wonder then, that men despise crows, they are too much like men. Take off their wings and put breeches on the, crows would make fair average men. Give men wings, reduce their smartness, a little, and many of them would be good enough for crows.

The following item taken from the Kansas Fur Buyer's reports, may be of interest to our readers. It is estimated that at least one-third of the furs trapped in Kansas were shipped to buyers out of the State, and of these we have no record. It is also true that some of the furs given in this report have been trapped outside of Kansas. But we feel safe, in saying, that the figures given here, will give you an idea of the number and value of our fur bearers. The prices the past season, were the lowest in years, many trappers refused to place their traps because of the low prices offered. The list given below is for the number of each species and the total value:

Beaver	30	\$ 210.00	Badger	205	1,025.00
Wild Cat	86	68.80	Coyotes	10,957	32,871.00
Red Fox	501	1,753.50	House Cats	160	32.00
Minks	1,398	5,592.00	Muskrats	77,923	31,169.20
Opossum....	78,440	15,688.00	Raccoon	9,375	28,125.00
Skunk	110,245	66,147.00	Civet Cat	21,604	4,320.80
Weasel	170	119.00	Wolves.....	2,492	12,460.00
Rabbit	49,319	2,959.14			

making a total of 362,905 hides for which the fur buyers paid the trappers the sum of \$202,540.44. The writer thinks that many of the larger coyote pelts were classed as wolves. These figures will show that the skunk still leads not only in numbers but also in cents, as well as scent.

As an example of the serious thought being given to wildlife conservation. Edward K. Love, a member of the American Wildlife Institute, has announced a gift of \$100,000 for a Missouri Wildlife Conservation Foundation. (1) To express my appreciation of the benefits and enjoyments which I have derived during my life, from the wildlife which the state of Missouri has in the past afforded. (2) The hope that the foundation may contribute towards the preservation and restoration of the rich heritage of wildlife in Missouri. (3) The creation by the people of the State Conservation Commission an agency free from any political or selfish influence and fully authorized to administer wildlife preservation on the basis of merit and efficiency.

FISHING

When troubles seem to overtake,
And friends who once were true forsake,
When fears and doubts each moment shake,
 Go fishing.

Just grab that pole and can of bait,
Go right away--don't hesitate,
Tomorrow may be just too late
 For fishing.

The happy song of swirling stream
Awakens many a long-lost dream;
There's hope in every sunlit gleam
 When fishing.

If you would laugh; real pleasure gain;
Hear music in a sweet refrain;
If you would be a kid again--
 Go fishing.
 -Horace J. Heaps



When President Cleveland's second child was born, no scales could be found to weigh the baby. Finally the scales used by the President to weigh fish were brought up from the cellar, and the child was found to weigh 25 pounds.

-Iowa State Conservation Bulletin

While from reports received from many sections through out the State, and from our own personal observations, we are convinced that in practically all parts of Kansas, wildlife conditions have improved very much during the past season. That this condition is general is obvious by the increase of the migratory fowl hunting season of fifteen days by the Biological Survey Department, who have jurisdiction over migratory birds, and their raising the lid just a little in regards to Red Heads, Canvas Back and Buffle Head which in the past have been on the protected list, can now be shot to the number of three in the aggregate. Conditions of our upland game, especially quail, cottontail and pheasants are very much improved in many sections, although in some localities which have suffered severely from drought and over-shooting, the sportsmen should recognize the fact, that to kill off the birds in these districts, where they are trying to re-establish themselves, would not only be absolute folly and poor judgement, but would be cheating not only themselves but others as well by acting the part of damn selfish fools.

If motorists would only honk their horns before coming upon a flock of birds in the road, they would have a chance to escape.

At no time has the warning been as necessary as at the present, that with the opening of the hunting season for migratory fowl close at hand, should true sportsmanship be exercised. Regardless of the fact, that you have a hunting license, and have secured a Federal Duck Stamp, do not act the part of a meat hunter or try to show your prowess as one that gets the limit everytime you go out, don't be a distributor of your surplus among your friends that will not take the time or do not have the inclination but depend upon others to supply them with a mess of ducks. Be satisfied with a reasonable number of birds, if the limit is not necessary for your needs, do with less, at no time have the laws of decency and the principles of true sportsmanship been more necessary than they are today.

October 18 to 20 inclusive, have been designated by the Fish and Game Commission as the time pheasants may be shot in the following counties: Gove, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Jewell, Republic, Thomas, Ellis, Clay, Osborne, Wallace, Sherman, Rooks, Mitchell, Graham, Washington, Logan, Trego, Russell, Sheridan and Cloud Counties. Daily bag limits are three. Two cocks and one hen. Season limit six. All other counties in Kansas with the exception of those named above are closed.

The beaver in the northern counties, have again shown a substantial increase during the past season, and the Department is making arrangements, for the trapping and further distribution in other suitable districts throughout the State. The Fish and Game Department would like to receive applications for beaver from those who wish some of these most valuable and interesting fur bearers established in their districts.

Again we are calling your attention, to the most serious menace to our bird life today. The domestic house cat. We feel that we are very conservative when we state that the cat destroys more upland game than all the hunters combined, not mentioning our song and insect eating birds. The writer has received several communications and has many menacing glances cast in his direction, by some of the fair sex, whose days of romance are over and whose affections are now centered on a cat.



Wardens pages



C. R. DAMERON, Superintendent of the Ottawa County State Park, reports: Water at the lake still roily, fishing only fair. Bird life in the park in the evening when the birds come in to spend the night, is worth seeing. Ducks and coots are becoming more numerous every week. Mr. Dameron reports too, that he has just killed his twentieth cat which he considers game enemy number one, for dessert he killed 67 turtles in the brood ponds.

BRICE REZEAU, District Warden of the third district, reports: There are more fishermen along the streams in his district than during the months of July and August. Nice catches of fish are being made.

WAYNE PIGGOTT, District Warden of the fifth district: Located and demolished a number of fish traps.

CY GRAHAM, District Warden of the tenth district, reports: Ivan Parker of Hill City, last winter rescued a covey of quail, when they were about to perish during one of the severe winter storms, they followed him into a screened porch of his home he captured them and kept them in an old wagon box with plenty of straw and feed, well covered over. These birds were later released with the result he now has some fine covies of quail on his farm, as a reward. Cy also reports seeing many pheasants in Sherman and Cheyenne Counties.

RAY DAVIDSON, District Warden of the ninth district, is spending a great deal of time in the duck district around Stafford and Barton counties. Keeping a close protective eye on the ducks to see that no one eats duck until it is legal to do so.

CARL TEICHGRAEBER, District warden of the first district, reports that dove shooting has slowed down and he sees very few dove hunters in his district.

MERLE ALLEN, District Warden of the fifth district, reports: He is very busy salvaging fish from the back water ponds, says streams are getting very low.

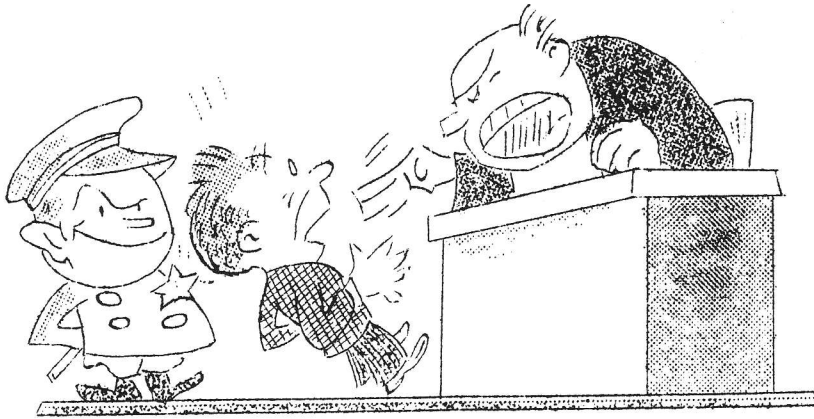
JOE GALLIVAN, District Warden of the twelfth district, reports plenty of water in the ponds in the southwest, also lots of ducks.

JOHN CARLTON, Superintendent of Meade County State Park, reports many ducks on Lake Meade, also that he closed the beach house at the lake on September 11.

HOWARD TALBOTT, District Warden of the eleventh, reports several large lagoons with plenty of water in Rush County south of Nekoma, with quite a number of ducks. There is very little water in Ness County.

JACK NESTER, District Warden of Second, reports, having seen a flock of twenty prairie chickens in the northwest corner of Pottawatomie county and was informed by sportsmen and others, that they have shown an increase during the past year. He also states there are more quail than for years, but very few ducks. Jack has some very peculiar things happen in his district, he says that some kind of an indian relic, the shape of an arrow head or spear, made of flint, was found in Atchison County. This relic weighs 150 pounds and was found by Nat Storres east of Effingham. The editors thinks this must have been the weapon of some prehistoric gangster.

CHET YOWELL, Warden of sixth district, reports fishing only fair, but is very enthusiastic over the quail situation in his district, thinks there will be more quail than there has been for years.



The following arrests and convictions were made during the month of Sept. Fines include costs.

A. V. Shutt, Labette County, fishing without a license. Local Warden Tom Skaggs. Fined \$21.50.

W. C. Williamson, Johnson County, shooting along public highway. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00. Serving jail sentence.

H. L. Pierce, Linn County, illegal possession of seine. District Warden Brice Rezeau and Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$32.70. Serving jail sentence.

Rudolph Honas, Ed Honas, and Joe Zimmerman, all of Ellis County, illegal possession of seine, and fishing without license. District Warden Howard Talbott. Each were fined \$42.75. Serving jail sentence.

J. A. Harding, of Missouri, hunting without a non-resident license. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

Wm. Thompson, of Missouri, arrested for hunting without a non-resident license. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

A. B. Morrison and Frank Bona, of Missouri, hunting without non-resident licenses. District Warden Teichgraeber and Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00 apiece.

W. B. Shivley, of Johnson County, hunting without license. Local Warden O. A. Gordon and District Warden Teichgraeber. Fined \$20.00.

W. F. Higgins, of Missouri, hunting without a non-resident license. District Warden Teichgraeber and Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

Sam Knott, of Missouri, hunting without a non-resident license and shooting along highway. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

Barney Elliott, of Missouri, hunting without a non-resident license. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

Henry Depenbusch of Kingman County, illegal possession of seine. District Warden Ray Davidson. Fined \$17.50.

Paul Gossman and L. H. Walters, both of Barton County, fishing without license. District Warden Davidson and Local Warden Moore. Each were fined \$20.00. 30 days to pay.

Henry E. McKeel, of Pratt County, fishing without a license. Local Warden Paul Garst. Fined \$20.50.

O. J. Johnson, Johnson County, hunting without license. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

C. J. Mustion, Johnson County, not having gun plugged. District Warden Carl Teichgraeber. Fined \$20.00.

James Canady, Cherokee County, fishing without license. Local Warden McElroy. Fined \$20.80. Serving jail sentence.

E. W. Scales, Cherokee County, fishing without license. Local Warden McElroy. Fined \$20.80. Serving jail sentence.

C. R. Harrison, Missouri, hunting without a non-resident license. Local Warden O. A. Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

C. W. Gentry, Missouri, fishing without a non-resident license. District Game Warden Brice Rezeau. Fined \$17.50.

Frank Burwell, B. R. Austin, Fred Cramer, and Ralph Rush, Wichita County, all arrested for hunting without licenses. District Warden Howard Talbott. Each were fined \$18.50.

Harold Rau, Johnson County, hunting without license and shooting on public highway. Local Warden Gordon. Fined \$20.00.

Jack Cooper, Jr., and Geo. M. Peek, Missouri, hunting without non-resident licenses. Local Warden Gordon. Each fined \$20.00.

Lee Perryman, Missouri, fishing without a non-resident license. Local Warden Gordon. Fined \$22.50.

Joe Fox, Haskell County, arrested for shooting ducks out of season and not having gun plugged. District Warden Joe Gallivan. Fined \$40.00.

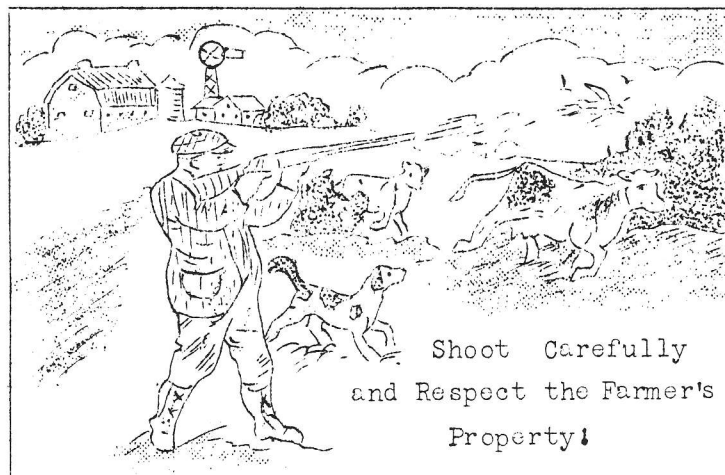
Clarence Warfod, Allen County, having undersized fish in possession and exceeding bag limit. Local Warden A. B. Shaughnessy. Fined \$15.00.

Miller Nichols, Missouri, hunting without non-resident license and shooting on public highway. Local warden Gordon. Fined \$40.00.

D. H. Anderson, Reno County, shooting from public highway. Local Warden Chas. Dennis. Fine remitted upon payment of costs, \$10.00.

Norman Williams, Wyandotte County, using dip net. District Warden Teichgraeber. Fined \$12.50.

Harry Collins, Wyandotte County, using dip net, District Warden Teichgraeber. Fined \$12.50.



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