

OUT-OF-DOORS STUFF

By Lana Leneve

I have published many a laugh on the census of wildfowl and animals, as conducted by government officials. Letters of commendation have come my way from several points, one being from a U. S. senator. Many verbal congratulations upon my stand have come from old hunters. And now, in "Plain Truth," the official magazine of the American Conservation committee, there comes a message regarding the enumeration of birds that backs me up to the finish in statements that I have made in the past. This magazine in a headline declaration, waxes sarcastic at the true count of the enumerators and pans them in no uncertain terms. This snappy little magazine states: "Mr. Reddington, after his three years of counting and estimating the waterfowl of North America, in January, 1930, stated that 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 is the probable number of waterfowl in Canada and the United States, but admitted that it was hard to count them and get actual figures. And now after the ducks have reached the lowest point ever known in the United States and Canada and the entire North American continent at the close of 35 years of terrible slaughter by millions of sportsmen and millions of automatic shot guns and pump guns and also at the close of five years of drought we are asked to believe that one breeding season has brought the ducks back almost to the point where they were in their abundant days. In the language of the inn-keeper, 'It is to laugh.'"

Does it not look as if the "More Game Foundation," a publication, is engaged in an effort to show the 611,000 duck hunters of the United States that ducks are very plentiful as they were when at their peak in numbers, and that it is not in the least necessary to have any closed season at all, next year especially, or for the year after. If the \$23,000 that the Foundation has expended on its astonishing waterfowl "census" campaign should prove to be sufficient to defeat all demands for a closed season next year, it would be a small price to pay for that particular victory over the vanishing game. We are profoundly annoyed by all persons and organizations who claim that they have "counted" millions of ducks (under impossible difficulties) and ask the public not to take seriously the many millions they say they have observed and enumerated. It is time for all nonsense of that kind to stop. If it goes on, we must put upon it the kind of label it deserves. I can sit in my swivel chair and guess at the number of ducks with nests hidden in the marshes and sloughs of Manitoba—but what will that guess or any other guess be worth?

Here are some interesting figures regarding wild life up through the years:

Fur Seal—Recovered from 139,000 in 1912 to 1,500,000 in 1935.
American Bison—Recovered from 1,091 in 1889 to 21,701 in 1934.
Pronged horned antelope—saved and brought up to total of 39,326 in 1924.

White-tailed Deer—Completely restored in Vermont, Pennsylvania and New York.

Mountain Sheep—Completely restored in Colorado by thousands.

Bob White Quail—Brought back in Kansas, Oklahoma, in spite of illegal killing but in some state killed out.

Wild Turkey—Brought back in Texas by wire fences and strict protection.

Atlantic Coast Ducks—Saved and brought back from 1911 to 1916 by stoppage of 85 per cent market hunting.

Wood Duck—Undoubtedly saved from extinction by total stoppage of shooting in 1913.

The North American Species that are now extinct are: Heath Hen, Labrador Duck, Passenger Pigeon, Carolina Parakeet, Pallas Cormorant, Great Auk.

The protection on all the latter birds was given too late. No game management could save them. Really the time to protect a species from extinction is while it is still numerous.

And as to this census-taking business—well it is to laugh. I once knew a "census taker" of wildlife who spent two days in a hotel room with two friends and a couple of gallons of whiskey and made an official report upon the number of ducks, deer, and such game in this part of the state. Well, even at that, with his drunken guess he no doubt came as close to the actual figures as a sober man could.

It is all such a big laugh when you come right down to it. It is silly, ridiculous, nutty—and what have you?—to count the animals of the wild.

Mr. Hooton, of Bridge, tells me that he trapped a strange animal last week. Said animal was catching his chickens. The catch he made was strange, indeed. It was an animal that resembled a mink in size and color with the exception of two white stripes down its sides, having the color of the "plumage" of a civet cat. However, the trapped animal did not possess the potent scent of a civet cat and Mr. Hooton is rather mystified concerning the breed of the "beast." I was not able to give it the once over, but Mr. Hooton has promised to have it stretched and well taken care of and some time I hope to see it.

Many things of a strange nature occur regarding wildlife. One of the Matthews boys at one time caught an albino civet cat. But said cat, though being white, still possessed all the potent "drugs" of the civet tribe.

An albino mink was trapped in Wyoming a couple of winters past. And this statement brings to mind a question of a reader. He inquired as to whether it were true or not that a weasel in some climates changed from brown to white during the winter months. Yes, they do. In some cold climates a weasel has a brown coat during the summer months but changes to a snowy white fur during the cold months of winter. Our local weasel does not change. He is brown throughout the year.

My good friend, Edgar McDaniel, editor of the Coos Bay Harbor, in-

forms me that he is sorry that he was unable to make editorial comment on my Christmas story which appeared in this paper and was reprinted in the Harbor. I appreciate Mac's interest in the story and while I naturally would have felt highly complimented by an editorial comment, I, nevertheless, feel very proud of the Harbor's personal comment to me upon my offering.

A white mouse was seen floating down the river during the recent high water. At least five persons vouched as to the truth of the statement. One man told me exactly where the rodent was and pledged himself to produce it for me. But, yes, we have no white mice! The mouse didn't show up and neither did the man. Probably the mouse was the pet of some household up the river and again it may have been an albino and still again some one might have been kidding Lans. Who knows? One thing is certain—we have no proof of the white mouse.

When the highway engineers constructed the dyke on the Bandon-Coquille highway, as I understand it, it was stated that it was above the high water mark. Just who knows where the original high water mark is for Coquille's high water? The old timers' official mark is on a level with the railroad trestle crossing near the city docks. As a kid I recall getting into a rowboat at the corner of the old Busy Corner Grocery and going straight to Fishtrap from there. I can also recall the days when a person could row a boat from the river during high water, up to the site of the old Bill Richardson garage. Personally, I believe that the engineers who constructed the dyke across the river bottom should have consulted some of the old high water figures before committing themselves concerning the high water mark.

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