

# 1964-65 ANNUAL REPORT\*

## THE FOREIGN GAME COMMITTEE

### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION — THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The past year proved again to be an eventful and progressive one for the Foreign Game Committee of the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society. The highlight was the four-day annual meeting held in Louisiana May 25-28. The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission served as hosts and, as a result, a most informative and interesting stay was enjoyed by all present. Ten Southeastern states were represented, as well as Indiana, Texas, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, and Louisiana State University. In all, 32 persons attended the various events. Field trips included visits to the Gum Cove Black Francolin area where this bird has apparently become established, Red Junglefowl and Japanese Green Pheasant experimental release areas, the Louisiana Game Farm near DeRidder, captive waterfowl propagation facilities and aquatic areas at the Rockefeller Refuge. Five papers were presented at the Second Annual Workshop held at the Rockefeller Refuge on May 27. Also included were state foreign game status reports. The Proceedings of this meeting are presently being prepared and will be distributed shortly. A Committee business meeting was held on the evening of May 26 with seven of our nine members present. Copies of the minutes of this meeting were prepared by Secretary Joe Hardy and distributed to Section officers and Committee members.

The Proceedings of the First Annual Workshop held in Maryville, Tennessee on August 12, 1964 were published and distributed. The Committee is exceedingly proud of this accomplishment and is indebted to Ferd Sumrell for a fine job of preparation.

In an attempt to keep Section personnel who are concerned with the foreign game species informed of the experimental work being done with them, annual progress reports are distributed by a number of states in cooperation with the Committee. During the past year the following five states participated — Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri (4 reports). In the future it is hoped that reports from additional states will be included.

An outline entitled "Preservation of Biological Specimens for Laboratory Studies" was prepared and distributed by the Game Bird Parasite Study of the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study. This article should prove valuable to field personnel in the collection of specimens for pathological analyses. The Committee is very grateful to Dr. Katherine Prestwood and Forest E. Kellogg for preparing this excellent outline.

A report entitled "Summary of Foreign Game Bird Propagation: 1964, and Liberations: 1960-1964" was compiled and distributed. This report included propagation and liberation data for all states and supplemented previous reports of a similar nature by Dr. Gardiner Bump and Wayne Bohl of the Foreign Game Introduction Project of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The compilation of these data was agreed upon at the Committee meeting in Maryville, Tennessee in 1964, since Dr. Bump, who usually oversees this project, would be out of the country. A tremendous amount of work was involved in the preparation of this report and the Committee is very appreciative of the efforts of Glenn Chambers and the Missouri Conservation Commission.

The Committee mailing list was recently revised by Glenn Chambers and presently contains 80 names and addresses. Workshop Proceedings, annual state foreign game progress reports, and reports of a special nature are distributed to those listed.

A Committee meeting was held on October 12, 1965 in conjunction with the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of

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Game and Fish Commissioners in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Plans for introductions of three species of tinamous from Argentina into Southeastern habitats were discussed. Plans for the 1966 annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for Missouri, were also formulated.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**WILDLIFE SOCIETY, SOUTHEASTERN SECTION**  
**PUBLICATION AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**October, 1965**

The members of the committee were the same as last year: Dale H. Arner, A. Sydney Johnson, James C. Lewis, and the Committee Chairman.

In our opinion, the best paper which was not in the Proceedings, written by a member of the Section during the past two years, is "Effects of heptachlor-contaminated earthworms on woodcocks" by William H. Stickel, Don W. Hayne, and Lucille F. Stickel. Selected as the best paper presented at the previous Technical Sessions (18th Annual Conference) is "A simple technique for removing mandibles of deer without trophy defacement" by Charles M. Marshall, James F. Smith, and A. J. Weber.

The committee was not able to select a winner for the best paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference because copies of all the papers were not obtained. If the proceedings of the conference are published, the papers can be judged then.

Several publications *edited* by Section members and otherwise apparently eligible for an award came out during the past year. Although some of these are fine work, we did not consider that editorship is authorship in the sense of the Section awards. This might require clarification.

The committee has prepared a revised version of the rules governing the Publication Awards Committee which we believe will simplify the work of the committee. The new rules which follow embody most of the suggestions made by the committee at the business meeting last year. Enough copies are available for those present, I believe. We recommend that they be incorporated into the by-laws of the Section or sanctioned officially in some other way. In any event, we suggest that these rules replace the current "Method of Selection, Criteria, and Eligibility for Annual Publications Awards by the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society (As amended October 1959, Baltimore, Maryland)." A copy of these rules is attached to the proposed revision. A comparison will reveal that most of the later rules are incorporated into the proposed revision.

I want to thank the members of the committee for their deliberations and assistance. It has been reassuring that we have all agreed so closely on the selection of winning papers and on other committee business. It has been a valuable experience and a pleasure for me to serve on the committee.

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