

PANEL DISCUSSION — DOVES

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The meeting opened with the presentation of a paper by Howard Wight of Missouri. The title of his talk was, "Needed, A Dove Flyway Concept." The author showed several maps of dove returns of the Midwestern and Central states, and pointed out the routes of doves from these areas. His conclusion was that Missouri should be administered as a separate flyway from the Southeastern states. Discussion from the floor at this point was from Dan Russell of Kentucky, who answered that Wight was only trying to get in the same administrative flyway as Texas to be able to get more satisfactory regulations for his state. Russell pointed out that all of the Southeastern states were aiming at this same objective.

Wight showed and explained a few more slides on a simple method of aging birds by the bursa technique while in the field.

The panel brought out and emphasized the need for more future research data on the mourning dove. Harold Peters suggested more trapping of doves in the Northern states and asked Bill Davis and John Finley if this wasn't possible through the Federal Game Agents in those states. Mr. Davis pointed out that the Game Agents were already making call counts in this endeavor, and thought something could be worked out on the trapping program as well.