

Waterfowl

Distribution, Abundance, Refuges (especially at Lake St. Clair)

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Some work was done in 1934 in making a nesting survey of some of the most important of Michigan's duck producing marshes. Much of this field work was done by Homer Bradley, Don Douglass, F. C. Gillett, C. J. Henry, Bill Howard, Pirnie, Tubbs, and others. Henry compiled most of these reports.

Martin Webb, in studying the Molasses River Tract, contributed suggestions and observations and sponsored the construction of certain fills to raise marsh levels.

Gillett and Miller contributed data on Munuskegon waterfowl.

Webb and I did some reconnaissance work at Lake St. Clair, and I worked on the establishment of the waterfowl refuge there. It will probably never be necessary for the Game Division or the Biological Survey to go to the considerable expense of putting buoys in the deep water there for marking refuge boundaries if the buoys of the Lighthouse Service are used as corner markers and the map showing refuge boundaries is published in the district newspapers. Refuge signs can be posted as usual on land and in the shallow water and buoys made of 5 gallon cans used for unit "A", which includes the north islands.

The consideration of a program for controlling American Mergansers on trout streams in winter came up, and tentative policies were written. This subject will require further planning.