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Title: Winter Survey of Non-Game Birds

Investigator: Chandler S. Robbins

Objectives:

- 1. To determine extent to which the Audubon Christmas Bird Count can be used as a measure of bird population change.
- 2. To devise methods of improving techniques in present Christmas Count or, if necessary, set up an independent survey to provide the needed information on population changes.
- 3. To analyze winter population changes in a manner similar to that being developed for the Breeding Bird Survey.

Accomplishments: Pending assignment of personnel and funds, the only progress that was made was assigning latitude and longitude coordinates to each area whose count was published by the National Audubon Society in 1967. This makes it possible to punch cards directly from the published reports when the research phase begins.

First test ron made last winter (here at Patoxent)
Plan to continue this winter

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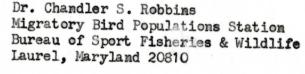
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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

April 6, 1970





Re: Winter Survey of Non-Game Birds

Dear Dr. Robbins:



In a brief note sent last year in reply to a comment made by me in connection with the annual Breeding Bird Survey, your office noted (in Work Unit No. M-B (33.3)) that a test run was made on a winter survey of non-game birds.

For this reason, you doubtless will be interested in this copy of a manuscript which I have submitted to the editor of the KOS Bulletin. This is an extra copy which you may keep and use in such manner as you see fit.

I hope to continue the Breeding Bird Survey this summer. A repfitition of the winter survey will be determined by the reaction to this report.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore M. Sperry

Professor of Botany and Ecology

TMS/jmb

A Comparison of Mid-winter Bird Census Methods in Southeastern Konsas.