

Old Squaws; others swim, dive, disport in the water, or fly above it. Every conceivable attitude is accurately depicted. Two pairs of Golden-Eyes can be distinguished to the left, one pair flying, the other swimming. In the background rise the snowclad hills, reflected in the water. Winter reigns supreme. But the large flock animates it all. One can almost hear the call notes.

These two small paintings are gems of Fuertes' artistry, faultlessly executed. They were painted in 1926 and sent to the writer upon completion, with a letter intimating that both were scenes that the artist had long wished to put on canvas. They clearly indicate how long and how accurately he could carry an impression of this kind, once made.—AARON C. BAGG, 72 *Fairfield Ave., Holyoke, Mass.*

Bird Weights.—If the author of "Taking Body Weights of Birds" (*Auk*, July 1928, p. 334) will consult Bergtold's 'Incubation Period of Birds' he will find in it the weights of about 244 different species and subspecies of birds, given on the authority of about twenty-five different writers.

It may also interest him to learn that there is described in 'The Condor' of May 1922, p. 12, a set of scales which is portable and can be used in both field and study.—W. H. BERGTOLD, *Denver, Colorado.*

Food of *Bonasa umbellus*.—In the preceding issue of 'The Auk' [45 (3), pp. 330-333] Mr. R. A. Johnson states: "Comprehensive studies on the food habits of the Ruffed Grouse have apparently not been made." However, more work has been done along this line of study, than this statement would indicate. Consequently a list of some of the papers available for reference is presented below:

Forest and Stream. 9 (10), p. 185, October 11, 1877. [Examination of 3 stomachs taken in September, November and December.] 17 (7), p. 329, November 24, 1881. [Examination of a number of crops from Maine.] 23 (11), p. 207, October 9, 1884. [Examination of 2 crops from Canada.] 23 (12), p. 227, October 16, 1884. [Examination of several crops.]

Gross, Alfred O. Diseases of the Ruffed Grouse. *Auk* 45 (3), pp. 423-431, July 1925. [Crop contents of 5 individuals, 3 taken in November.]

Gross, Alfred O. Progress Report of the New England Ruffed Grouse Investigation Committee. Brunswick, Maine. pp. 2-3. June 25, 1926. [Summary of the results of examination of 64 stomachs by C. C. Sperry of the Biological Survey.]

Judd, Sylvester D. The Grouse and Wild Turkeys of the United States, and Their Economic Value. U. S. Dept. Agric. Biol. Sur. Bul. 24, pp. 25-38, 1 pl., 1905. [Examination of 208 stomachs and crops taken in every month of the year, New York furnishing the largest number.]

King, F. H. Geology of Wisconsin, Volume 1, p. 591, 1873-1879. [Food of 6 Ruffed Grouse.]

King, F. H. Trans. Wisc. State Agr. Soc. Vol. 24, pp. 472-473, 1886. [Same as the preceding item.]

Report of the Commission of Inland Fisheries and Game, Mass. 1900 (1901), p. 43; 1904 (1905), pp. 132-133; 1905 (1906), pp. 65-68; 1907 (1908), p. 70. [Feeding experiments for food preferences with young Ruffed Grouse in Captivity.]

Somers, J. On the Winter Food of the Partridge and on Partridge Poisoning. Proc. and Trans. Nova Scotian Inst. Nat. Sci. 6 (1), pp. 78-84, 1886. [Detailed summary of the food of the Grouse throughout the year based on crop examinations with the list of the contents of three crops.]

Terrill, L. G. McI. Note on Food of the Ruffed and Spruce Grouse. Canadian Field-Naturalist 38 (4), p. 77, April 1924. [Percentages based on crop contents of 16 birds taken from October 14 to November 10, 1922, 1923.]

Warren, B. H. Birds of Pennsylvania. Second Edition, p. 108, 1880. [Examination of 10 birds taken when the ground was covered with snow.]

Weber, J. A. Contents of the Crop and Gizzard of a Young Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*). The Auk 23 (4), pp. 459-460, October 1906.]

Weed, Clarence M. and Ned Dearborn. Birds in Their Relations to Man. pp. 224-226, 1924. [Quotes Dr. A. K. Fisher on contents of Grouse stomachs and results of authors examinations of 5 stomachs, 4 taken in September.]—PHOEBE KNAPPEN, *Washington, D. C.*