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GAME RESERVATIONS.
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Washington, D. C., Five big-game preserves and 67 bird reservations are maintained by the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The mammal reservations include the Montana Bison Range, the Wind Cave Game Preserve in South Dakota, the Niobrara Reservation in Nebraska, the Elk Refuge in Wyoming, and the Sullys Hill Game Preserve in North Dakota. The Niobrara Reservation was intended as a bird reserve, but has been stocked with big game and is at present maintained chiefly for buffalo and elk, according to the annual report of the chief of the Biological Survey, just issued. In the first three reservations mentioned the herds of buffalo have shown a notable increase since their establishment a few years ago, says the report, and now include 207 head, or more than a third of all the buffalo which now belong to the Government. The elk number about 160 and the antelope 40, making a total of about 400 head of big game.

NATIONAL BIRD RESERVATIONS.

The number of bird reservations was increased during the year by the addition of the Big Lake Reservation in Arkansas. Sixty-seven reservations are now maintained primarily for birds. The report urges the importance and necessity of retaining as breeding grounds for water fowl and other birds, tracts of land which are not especially valuable for agricultural purposes. The area of marsh land necessary for breeding grounds is insignificant, it is said, in comparison with the benefits which will accrue to the public through the increase in our supply of game birds.