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UPLAND GAME BIRDS
NEED WINTER FEEDING

Winter feeding is one of the most practical measures by which ordinary sportsmen can help replenish the supply of upland game birds, says Winter Feeding of Wild Life on Northern Farms, just published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as Miscellaneous Publication 159-MP. The author, Wallace B. Grange, was formerly of the Bureau of Biological Survey. These game birds, it is pointed out, suffer little from exposure to cold or from natural enemies if they are well fed and near good cover.

"It is urgent," declares Mr. Grange, "that interested persons provide adequate winter feeding in their communities. So many adverse factors are depleting game birds that every effort to correct environmental deficiencies should be made. Unless definite remedial measures inaugurated very soon, in most sections of the country the ever-increasing army of upland game-bird hunters will be further restricted in their sport. The supply of game is being destroyed faster than it is being replenished by natural means."

The publication gives directions for organizing a winter-feeding campaign and discusses methods, the value of which has been proved by actual experience. It recommends permanent feeding stations, all-winter food patches, and regularly tended shelters, but also points out that almost any kind of feeding will, in emergencies, aid wild life for short periods. Feeding operations, it emphasizes, should be well planned and sustained.

Copies of Miscellaneous Publication 159-MP, Winter Feeding of Wild Life on Northern Farms, may be obtained at 5 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

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