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PLANTS USEFUL IN ATTRACTING WILDLIFE DESCRIBED IN LEAFLET

Persons interested in attracting song and insectivorous birds, upland game birds, and other forms of wildlife to their gardens or farms will find a recently issued publication on cover and food plants useful for this purpose.

An A-B-C on what to plant in each of 10 regions of the country, the leaflet recommends chiefly perennial plants that require little attention and are widely adaptable to these 10 regions and also to the United States as a whole.

Titled "Plants Useful in Upland Wildlife Management," the leaflet was written by W. L. McAtee, technical adviser to the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service United States Department of the Interior. Copies are available for 10 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

Hints for Farmers

Cover and food plants are listed in the leaflet. "Cover for wildlife corresponds to barns and sheds for domestic animals," writes McAtee.

He emphasizes that both cover and food plants are necessary to attract wildlife. Without cover wildlife cannot remain on an area, without food it cannot live. "It is only by providing permanent cover and dependable all-season food and water supplies that wildlife populations can be maintained or increased," he adds.

Special hints are directed to farmers who wish to increase the supply of wildlife on their farms either for personal interest or for the sake of revenue from the sale of hunting privileges.

Year-Round Supply Necessary

McAtee indicates that a year-round supply of adequate food and cover is necessary if wildlife is to be permanently attracted to an area.

"To be adequate, an environment must provide wildlife facilities the year round, not only for adult animals but in season also for the young, which often have quite different requirements," he declares.

Desirable cover and food plants are listed for each section of the country. In addition McAtee lists good crop plants that can be used for wildlife feed patches in each State, and comments on the value to wildlife of plants often classed as weeds.

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