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Catalogue of Helminths of Waterfowl (Anatidae) by MALCOLM E. McDONALD. Published by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Washington, D.C. Special Scientific Report — Wildlife No. 126. 1969.

This is a revision of the catalogue published in 1965 (McDonald, 1965, Wildlife Disease No. 46, 7 microfiche, 392 p.). This revision includes new material (data from 560 additional references, with 154 additional parasites) and a number of corrections.

The catalogue summarizes the information available on each helminth reported as a parasite of waterfowl: the names applied to it, its life history, hosts, location in the host, geographical distribution, frequency of records in waterfowl, and importance as a cause of disease.

Documentation is given for all suggestions and sources regarding synonymy, descriptions published since about 1910, studies of life histories, and records of pathology and mortality. The citations refer to the author's bibliography on helminths of waterfowl. Citations for descriptions are listed chronologically; those for life histories, alphabetically. Veterinary manuals and texts of poultry diseases and parasites are not cited, although these usually cover the common parasites of domestic waterfowl and their pathological effects.

For each species, the STATUS AS WATERFOWL PARASITE gives its frequency of occurrence and its importance as a pathological agent.

— from the Introduction.

Letter to the Editor

Drancunculis insignis

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a brief comment on the note by W. A. Webster and G. A. Casey, "The occurrence of *D. insignis* (Leidy, 1858) Chandler, 1942 in a skunk from Ontario, Canada," which appeared in Vol. 6(1) of the Journal of Wildlife Diseases. I feel that this note gives the impression that this is a very uncommon parasite in Ontario. At least within some areas of southern Ontario this parasite is quite common in mink and raccoons, and Fyvie, 1969, *Manual of common parasites, diseases and anomalies of wildlife in Ontario*, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto, Ontario, stated that this parasite has been recorded from mink, muskrat, raccoon, and otter from Ontario.

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