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Book Review

Manual of Common Parasites, Diseases, and Anomalies of Wildlife in Ontario.

Second Edition by AUDREY FYVIE,

Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto, 1969.

3¾" x 6¾", loose leaf format, 102 pp., 46 figs.

The first edition of this manual appeared in 1964, and the present expanded edition marks the acceptance of this book by game management field personnel of Ontario and other areas of North America. The purposes of the volume, as expressed in the introduction, are twofold. Firstly, to aid field staff in the diagnosis of abnormal conditions in wildlife, and secondly, through the use of the "field report" section to aid in the determination of incidence and distribution of diseases of wildlife within the province. The book contains, with a few exceptions, descriptions of conditions which are common and obvious, either on the exterior of the body, or which become evident upon skinning and dressing a carcass. The description of each condition is in most cases accompanied by quality color photographs on glossy paper and by a short list of pertinent references. A glossary of technical terms is provided.

Several conditions in wild animals which deserve discussion in a manual of this type have been omitted. For example, no information is supplied on mange mite infestations, on *Syngamus trachea* infection in pheasants, and on lead poisoning of waterfowl. The most serious omission is the failure to include techniques for the collection and preservation of specimens.

In general this manual fills a noticeable gap in wildlife disease literature and should serve as an invaluable reference for the use of laboratory and field staff of game departments and students of game management. Since the conditions described are not peculiar to Ontario, the manual is applicable over much of North America.

The pocket size and high quality water resistant paper make this a reference which can be taken into the field. Copies are available at $4.00 per copy, payable to the Treasurer of Ontario, from the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.

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New Book

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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