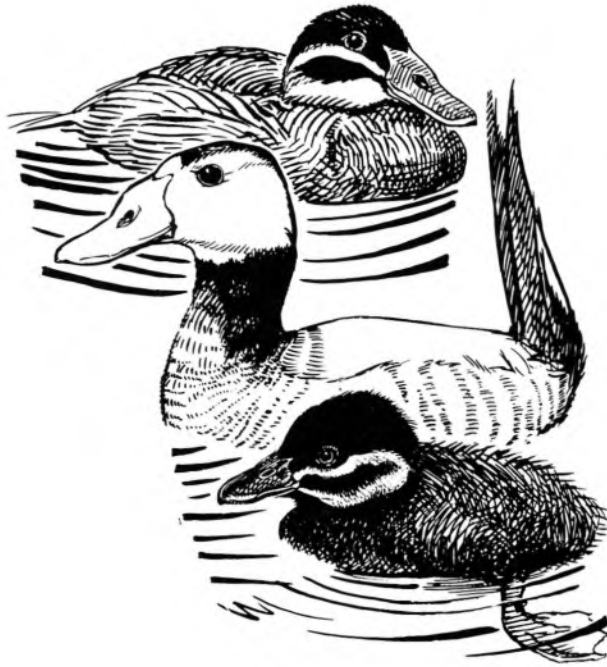


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Editorial

This year, **WILDFOWL** has a decidedly northern flavour, with papers on palearctic and nearctic swans and geese predominating. However, the subjects of decreasing populations and extinction, particularly in equatorial and southern regions, make perhaps the greater impact. Mortality and disease are covered in a number of contributions; especially important is that dealing with the problem of avian TB in the rare White-winged Wood Duck in captivity. This species is being returned currently to its native environment after captive-breeding, and it is essential to ensure the restoration of healthy stock.

We read that the Hawaiian Goose remains in danger in the wild, after over 40 years of conservation effort, while the perilous state of the Scaly-sided Merganser has become apparent recently. Andrew Green's review of the status of all wildfowl at risk is timely; it is good to know that the Madagascan White-eye still exists, although we are certain of only one individual. Habitat destruction, and the introduction of exotic predators and competitors, continue to take their toll, and Dr Green's request for further information and assistance is reiterated here.

My warm thanks go once more to the referees who have helped me select the following papers; a previous editor, Dr Malcolm Ogilvie, has been particularly generous with his time. Rosie Ounsted and Joyce Portlock assisted greatly during the year, and Tim Davis completed the journal's production stages.