

Comprehensive Bird Book *Oregonian Feb. 11, 1940* Coming to Oregon Shelves

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For the first time in the history of the state, Oregon will have a truly comprehensive book of birds.

Probably no other state has such varied bird life as has Oregon. The state is so situated that birds of both northern and southern distribution enter her boundaries at different seasons. Along the coast are interesting birds about which little information has been gathered. The queer, huge-beaked puffins are fully discussed, with remarkable photographs to show their homes and habits. The puffin digs a shallow burrow in the debris-filled crevice of a rocky ledge and lays one single egg.

Beach Fowl Cited

Anyone who has visited the Oregon beaches cannot help but recall the many big, grayish-black birds squatting contentedly on the rocky points, with long necks extended upward. Locally this bird is called a "shag," but to the ornithologist it is known as Brant's cormorant.

The famed white pelican of Klamath lake is described and some outstanding camera studies are shown. Information on every known bird in Oregon is included, as well as interesting material on bird migrations, economic value and state and federal refuges.

Authors Well Known

"Birds of Oregon" was compiled by Ira M. Gabrielson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, and Stanley G. Jewett, superintendent of the Malheur migratory bird refuge. Both men are well known to Oregon sportsmen and naturalists.

Dr. Gabrielson was an Oregon resident for 20 years, and during that time became interested in the bird life of the state. For many years the two men had planned to prepare a book of Oregon birds, but they would not be satisfied until every detail was perfect, so

that their work might be of lasting value. Dr. Gabrielson was later placed in charge of the bureau of biological survey at Washington, D. C., where his active interest in the project continued.

Dr. Finley Aids

Working in close co-operation with the authors was Dr. William Finley, noted naturalist and wildlife photographer, who makes his permanent home in Portland. Many of the pictures in the book are not only of value because of their authentic representation, but are exceptionally fine from an artistic standpoint.

"The Birds of Oregon" will contain 700 pages and 200 illustrations. Actual writing was done by Gabrielson, but the checking of records and literature was performed by Jewett. The book is published by the United States bureau of biological survey in co-operation with Oregon State college, and represents the combined efforts of not only the authors but the American museum, Oregon state game commission, the state fish commission and many contributing scientists.

Oregon Bird Book Written By Jewett, Gabrielson

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The first comprehensive bird book of Oregon, a state unusually rich in bird life, will soon be published at Oregon State college as a cooperative project of the United States bureau of biological survey and the college.

"The Birds of Oregon" by Ira M. Gabrielson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, and Stanley G. Jewett, superintendent of the Malheur migratory bird refuge, will contain more than 700 pages and approximately 200 illustrations. Many of these illustrations are from photographs by Dr. William L. Finley, Oregon naturalist, while most of the others are by the authors.

The book contains research and work of approximately 36 years on the part of Superintendent Jewett, and at least 20 years on the part of Dr. Gabrielson. The actual writing was done by Gabrielson, who was located in Oregon for nearly 20 years, during which time he was officially associated with the extension service at the college in connection with his work for the bureau of biological survey. Active co-operation in preparing this record of Oregon bird life has also

been given by the National museum, the Oregon state game commission, the state fish commission, and many individuals scientists.

The book is being published by the Oregon State college monographs committee, with the OSC Cooperative Book store handling distribution and sales. It will be entirely an Oregon product, as Portland firms are making the cuts and doing the printing and binding. An expensive book to publish, it will be priced as near cost as possible.

Among the illustrations will be a zone map of Oregon showing all of the bird refuges. The text will include a history of Oregon ornithology, a description of bird life as a whole, and a complete check list of the birds in Oregon.

The authors have collaborated during the past eight years in the final preparation of the volume. The college monographs committee has sponsored the publication in order to insure the preservation and distribution of research which could never again be duplicated, according to Dr. E. C. Gilbert, chairman of the committee.