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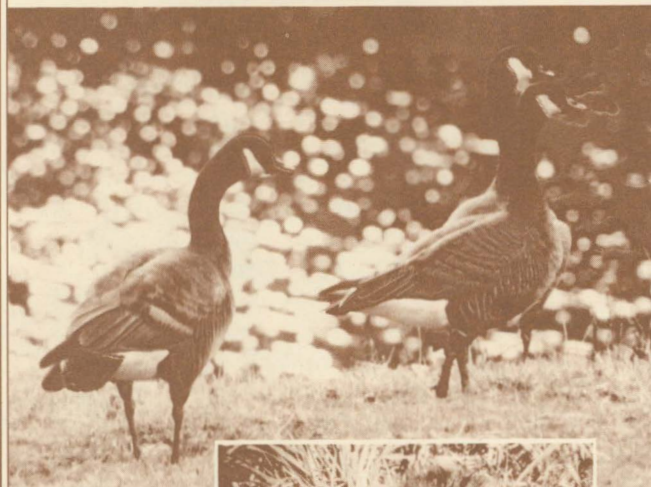
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Pacific Treefrog



Dusky Canada Geese



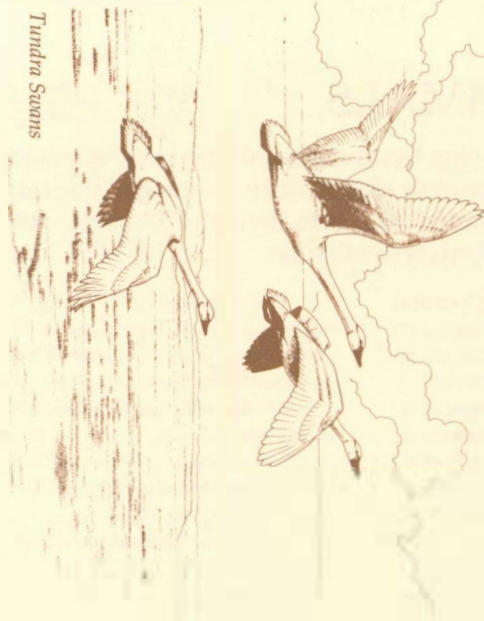
Raccoon Kits



Short-eared Owl

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
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Tundra Swans





Welcome to Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, located on the Columbia River floodplain adjacent to Ridgefield, Washington, provides 5,148 acres of vital migration and wintering habitat for birds migrating through the region west of the Cascade Mountains.

The mild, rainy winter climate, combined with important remnant wetlands along the Columbia River, creates ideal resting and feeding areas for a variety of species, including ducks, geese, swans, sandhill cranes and great blue herons. A variety of other wildlife also lives in the diversity of habitats found on the refuge.

Enjoying the Refuge's Wildlife

You will be most successful at viewing wild animals in their natural habitats if you use binoculars or a spotting scope. This equipment will help you observe wildlife from a distance and minimize disturbance. Your chances of observing wildlife in the area open to the public in the River "S" Unit are much greater if you remain in your car. Wildlife is easily disturbed by visitors on foot.

You can also avoid disturbing wildlife by obeying closure signs. Portions of the refuge closed to public entry from October 1 through April 15 to protect wintering waterfowl from disturbance are identified in the General Refuge Leaflet and on maps at the entrance kiosks to the Carty and the River "S" Units. The winter period is a stressful time of the year for migratory birds, which is made even more stressful when they are forced to use vital energy reserves trying to escape disturbances on their feeding and roosting areas.

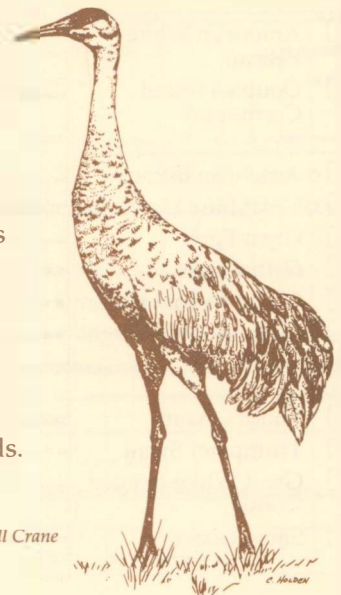
Using This Wildlife List

Bird species abundance on the refuge, by season, is illustrated on the following abundance charts. Substantial efforts were begun in 1990 to obtain data to accurately reflect species abundance. Most mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish, however, are more secretive than birds, so our list of these species is also not complete. Species whose range includes the refuge have been listed, with a "⊙" symbol beside those positively identified on the refuge.

Refuge visitors are strongly encouraged to report any unusual sightings (such as those observed out of their normal season, large numbers, or new species seen) to the refuge biologist, whose address and phone number are listed at the end of this brochure. This information will aid in future updates of the Wildlife List.

Birds

This bird list is organized into family and sub-family groups, and the common names and order are in accordance with the Thirty-seventh Supplement (1989) to the Sixth Edition (1983) of the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds.



Sandhill Crane



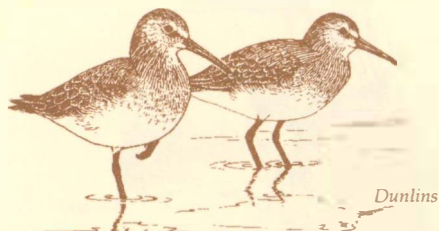
Abundance Categories

- - common; certain to be seen in proper habitat
- - uncommon; present, but not certain to be seen
- - occasional; seen only a few times during a season
- ■ ■ ■ - rare; not present every year
- - birds known to nest locally
- A - accidental visitors

Threatened/Endangered Species

SPECIES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Loon			■	■	■	■				■	■	■
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Loon			■	■							■	■
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	■	■	■	■	■						■	■
<input type="checkbox"/> Great White-fronted Goose	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■		
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	■	■	■	■								

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SPECIES

- ☐ ☒ American Kestrel
 - ☐ Merlin
 - ☐ Peregrine Falcon
 - ☐ Prairie Falcon
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- ☐ ☒ Ring-necked Pheasant
 - ☐ ☒ Ruffed Grouse
 - ☐ ☒ California Quail
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- ☐ ☒ Virginia Rail
 - ☐ ☒ Sora
 - ☐ ☒ American Coot
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- ☐ Sandhill Crane
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- ☐ Black-bellied Plover
 - ☐ Semipalmated Plover
 - ☐ ☒ Killdeer
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- ☐ Black-necked Stilt
 - ☐ American Avocet
 - ☐ Greater Yellowlegs
 - ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs
 - ☐ Solitary Sandpiper
 - ☐ ☒ Spotted Sandpiper
 - ☐ Sanderling
 - ☐ Western Sandpiper
 - ☐ Least Sandpiper
 - ☐ Baird's Sandpiper
 - ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper
 - ☐ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 - ☐ Dunlin
 - ☐ Long-billed Dowitcher
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- ☐ ☒ Common Snipe
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- ☐ ☒ Wilson's Phalarope
 - ☐ Red-necked Phalarope



SPECIES

- ☐ Red Phalarope

☐ Bonaparte's Gull
☐ Mew Gull
☐ Ring-billed Gull
☐ California Gull
☐ Herring Gull
☐ Thayer's Gull
☐ Glaucous-winged Gull
☐ Glaucous Gull
☐ Caspian Tern

☐ ● Rock Dove
☐ Band-tailed Pigeon
☐ ● Mourning Dove

☐ ● Barn Owl
☐ ● Western Screech-owl
☐ ● Great Horned owl
☐ Snowy Owl
☐ Northern Pygmy-owl
☐ Short-eared Owl

☐ Common Nighthawk

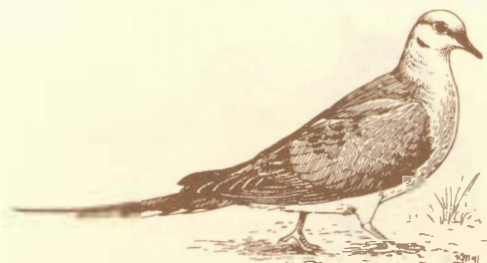
☐ Vaux's Swift

☐ Anna's Hummingbird
☐ ● Rufous Hummingbird

☐ ● Belted Kingfisher

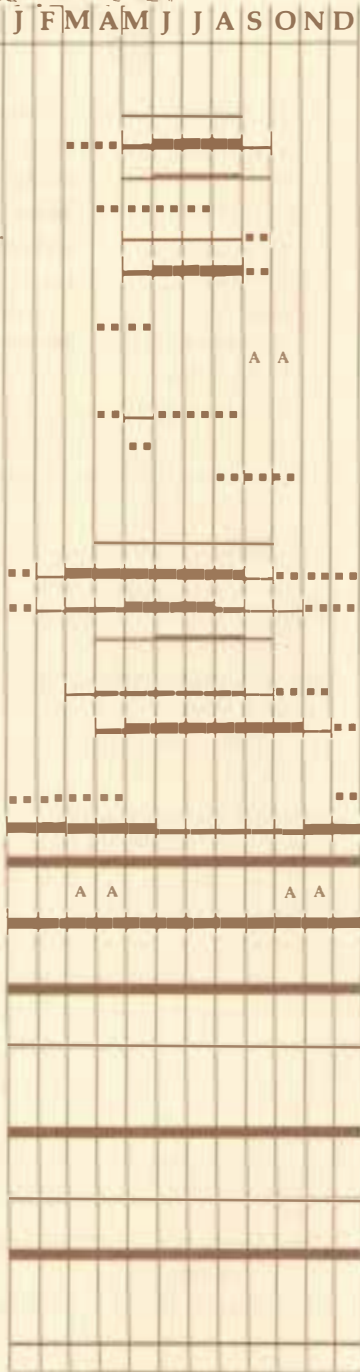
☐ Lewis' Woodpecker
☐ Red-breasted Sapsucker
☐ ● Downy Woodpecker
☐ Hairy Woodpecker
☐ ● Northern Flicker
☐ Pileated Woodpecker

Species	A	A	A	A
Red Phalarope				
Bonaparte's Gull	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
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Thayer's Gull	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
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Glaucous Gull	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Caspian Tern	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Rock Dove	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Band-tailed Pigeon	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Mourning Dove	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Barn Owl	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Western Screech-owl	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Great Horned owl	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Snowy Owl	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Northern Pygmy-owl	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Short-eared Owl	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Common Nighthawk	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Vaux's Swift	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Anna's Hummingbird	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Rufous Hummingbird	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Belted Kingfisher	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Lewis' Woodpecker	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
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Downy Woodpecker	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Hairy Woodpecker	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
Northern Flicker	[Solid Bar]	[Dotted Bar]	[Solid Bar]	[Solid Bar]
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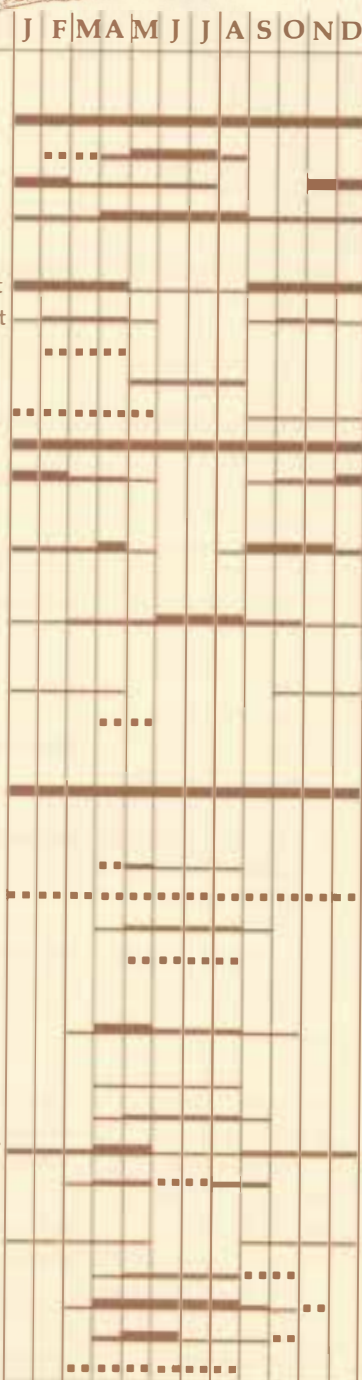
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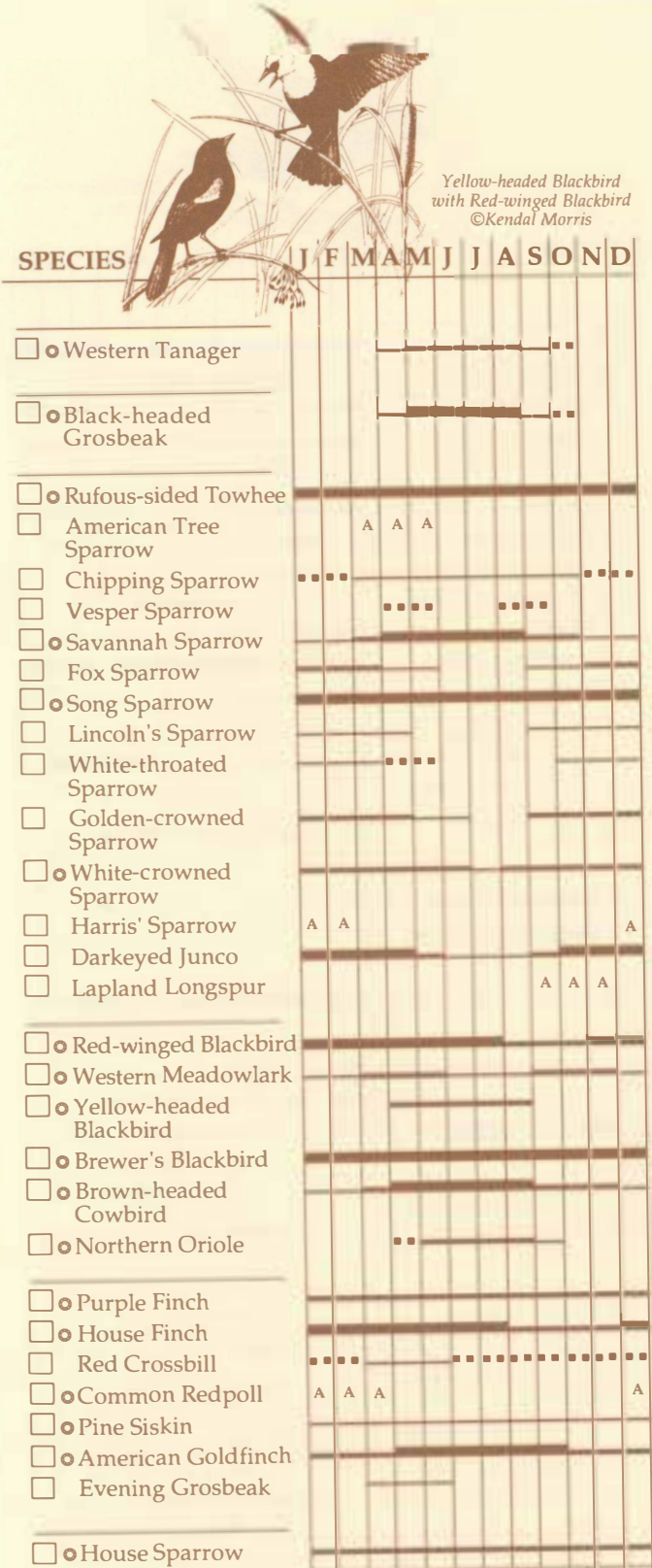
- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ☒ Western Wood-Pewee
- ☒ Willow Flycatcher
- ☐ Least Flycatcher
- ☐ Hammond's Flycatcher
- ☒ Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- ☐ Say's Phoebe
- ☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher
- ☐ Western Kingbird
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird
- ☐ Horned Lark



SPECIES

- ☐ ☒ Bewick's Wren
☐ ☒ House Wren
☐ Winter Wren
☐ ☒ Marsh Wren





MAMMALS

The following list of mammals has been obtained from "Mammals of the Pacific States — California, Oregon, and Washington" by Lloyd G. Ingles (1965. Stanford University Press).

- Common Opossum
- Dusky Shrew
- Pacific Shrew
- Vagrant Shrew
- Marsh Shrew
- Masked Shrew
- Trowbridge Shrew
- Townsend Mole
- Broad-handed Mole
- Coast Mole
- Shrew-mole
- Little Brown Myotis
- Cave Myotis
- Keen's Myotis
- California Myotis
- Hairy Winged Myotis
- Long-eared Myotis
- Yuma Myotis
- Hoary Bat
- Silvery-haired Bat
- Big Brown Bat
- Eastern Cottontail
- Brush Rabbit
- Beechey (California)
- Ground Squirrel
- Townsend Chipmunk
- Western Gray Squirrel
- Northern Pocket Gopher
- Mazama Pocket Gopher
- Beaver
- Deer Mouse
- Oregon Meadow Mouse (Creeping Vole)
- Pacific Jumping Mouse
- Nutria
- Coyote
- Red Fox
- Raccoon
- Mink
- Long-tailed Weasel
- Striped Skunk
- Spotted Skunk
- River Otter
- Mountain Lion (Cougar)
- Bobcat
- Black-tailed Deer
- Roosevelt Elk



AMPHIBIANS and REPTILES

The following list of amphibians and reptiles has been obtained from "Amphibians and Reptiles of The Pacific Northwest" by Ronald A. Nussbaum, Edmund D. Brodie, Jr., and Robert M. Storm (1983. University of Idaho Press).

- Northwestern Salamander
- Long-toed Salamander
- Cope's Giant Salamander
- Pacific Giant Salamander
- Olympic Salamander
- Ensatina
- Western Red-backed Salamander
- Roughskin Newt
- Western Toad
- Pacific Treefrog
- Red-legged Frog
- Bullfrog
- Spotted Frog
- Painted Turtle
- Western Pond Turtle
- Northern Alligator Lizard
- Rubber Boa
- Ringneck Snake
- Northwestern Garter Snake
- Common Garter Snake

FISHES

The following list of fishes living on and adjacent to the refuge is taken from "How to Know the Freshwater Fishes" by Samuel Eddy and James C. Underhill (1978. William C. Brown Company).

Refuge Waters

- White Sturgeon
- Cutthroat Trout
- Carp
- Chiselmouth
- Peamouth
- Northern Squawfish
- Large Scale Sucker
- Bridgelip Sucker
- Channel Catfish
- Brown Bullhead
- Black Bullhead
- Yellow Bullhead
- Threespine Stickleback
- Scuppin
- Largemouth Bass
- Black Crappie
- Warmouth
- Bluegill
- Pumpkinseed
- Yellow Perch

Specific to Columbia River

- Pacific Lamprey
- Chum Salmon
- Chinook Salmon
- Coho Salmon
- Sockeye
- American Shad
- Smelt
- Mountain Whitefish
- Steelhead Trout



Please report any unusual sightings to the address below.

For more information, contact:

Refuge Biologist
Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
 P.O. Box 457 / Ridgefield, WA 98642
 Telephone: (206) 887-4106

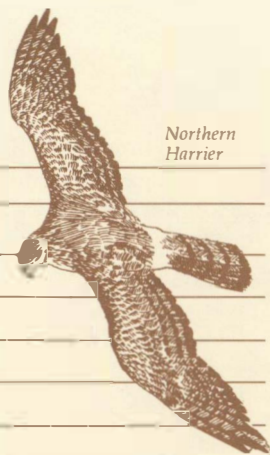


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Field Notes



Northern
Harrier

Date _____

Species _____

Observers _____

Weather _____

Remarks _____

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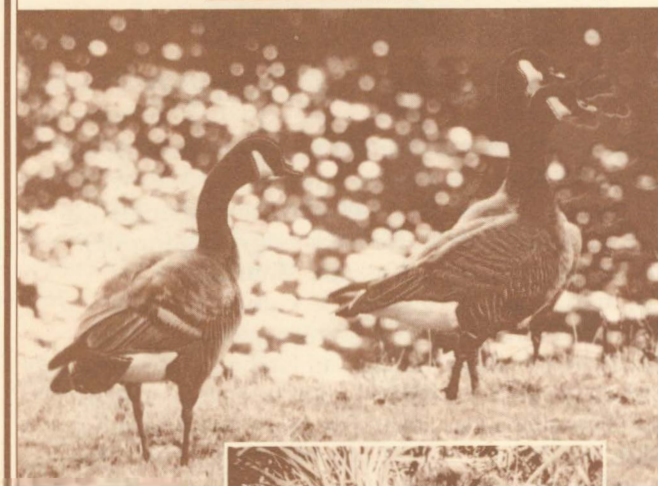
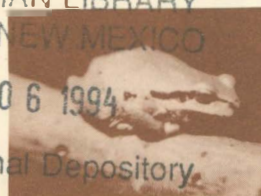
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