

## A REPORT ON BIRD INTRODUCTIONS

GERTRUDE WOODS

On January 3, Bud Elder, Federal Fish and Wildlife Agent, released the following birds in Lasca Lagoon. He had reclaimed them from illegal possession in San Diego County.

- 4 Canadian Geese (pinioned)
- 1 Snow Goose (pinioned)
- 4 Fulvous Tree Ducks (pinioned)
- 4 Wood Ducks — 1 M., 3 F.
- 7 Baldpate Ducks — 2 M., 5 F.
- 1 Cinnamon Teal — M.
- 3 Pintail Ducks — 1 M., 2 F.
- 2 Gallinules

There seems to be a definite increase in migrants stopping here this year. Only 9 of the above could be considered "permanent" residents although the Wood Duck will likely stay. We expect to get nesting boxes for them from another interested bird man, Dr. Salter.

## A BOOK REVIEW

By GEORGE SPALDING

Hui-Lin Li: *The Origin and Cultivation of Shade and Ornamental Trees*. University of Pennsylvania Press, \$6.00.

In his preface to this book the author states that it is a treatise on the historical aspects of our ornamental and shade trees, and that its purpose is to provide information about the origin, beginning of cultivation, and variation under domestication of the common species of trees that are closely associated with men in their settled habitations.

The author proceeds to do this in a very fine and interesting manner. He has brought together between the covers of this book information that has previously been scattered through many publications. The excellent bibliography will enable anyone interested in more detailed information to obtain it with a minimum of effort.

In addition to bringing together much information that has previously been published, the author has done some original research in order to prove or disprove some of the previously published material. The information Dr. Li presents on Ginkgo illustrates this point very well.

The limitations presented by a book of this size compel the author to make a decision as to which trees shall be included and which shall be omitted. Here again, Dr. Li has made excellent choices even though those of us who live in the warm temperate areas of the United States might wish he had included a few of the better known trees of our area such as the Olive, Pepper, and Eucalyptus.

Everyone interested in trees and their history will find much of interest in this book.



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