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NEW DIVISION CONSOLIDATES
RESEARCH OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY ✓

Continuing a reorganization of the Bureau of Biological Survey begun last July, J. N. Darling, Chief, has recently consolidated the scientific agencies of the Bureau into a new Division of Wildlife Research, according to an announcement today (Sept. 25) by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The realignment has been made, says Mr. Darling, "to so adjust the faculties and talents existing in the Bureau that the full force of our organization may be united in its efforts toward a balanced program of wildlife conservation and public service."

Establishment of the Division of Wildlife Research follows the setting up of a Division of Game Management and a Division of Public Relations and the reorganization of the Division of Administration. Expectations of the game-management unit, says Mr. Darling, "have been more rapidly realized than we had reason to expect, and the results thus far accomplished by the other divisions have furnished evident justification for the changes."

The Bureau of Biological Survey is now organized in six divisions, as follows: Administration, Public Relations, Wildlife Research, Game Management, Land Acquisition, and Migratory Waterfowl Program, the last-named having been set up by Mr. Darling for the efficient expenditure of emergency funds in the Bureau's wildlife-restoration program.

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Dr. W. B. Bell Heads New Unit

Dr. W. B. Bell, who has been in charge of the Bureau's Division of Biological Investigations, heads the new Division of Wildlife Research, which includes also the former Divisions of Food Habits Research, Fur Resources, and Disease Control, now designated as sections of the research division. Work formerly carried on in the Division of Biological Investigations will later be organized in appropriate sections of the new unit, and a regional organization is being set up for carrying on field investigations and making contacts with universities, colleges, and other scientific agencies. Ira N. Gabrielson, now director of the Pacific Region, Division of Game Management, will at the close of the approaching hunting season be transferred to Washington as assistant administrator of the research division.

W. L. McAtee, for many years in charge of the Bureau's food-habits research, has been designated technical advisor and attached to the Office of the Bureau Chief. Clarence Cottam, formerly assistant to Mr. McAtee, will head the Section of Food Habits Research in the new unit. No other changes in personnel have been announced.

Dr. Bell, now in charge of the Bureau's consolidated research work, is a former professor of zoology at the North Dakota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, and has been associated with the Biological Survey since 1916. He is the author of State and Federal biological reports, magazine articles, and other publications on the life history and habits of birds and mammals and on wildlife conservation. He has also done research work at the zoological station in Naples, Italy, and has directed numerous biological surveys in the United States, including such special studies as the investigations of waterfowl conditions in North America, culminating in the extensive study made by the Biological Survey this year. Dr. Bell is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and holds membership in the American Ornithologists' Union, the American Society of Mammalogists, the American Game Association, the American Forestry Association, the Society of American Foresters, the Washington Academy of Sciences, and the Biological Society of Washington. He is a member of the Sigma Xi and Alpha Zeta honorary scientific fraternities, and holds the degrees A.B., M.S., and Ph.D., all from the State University of Iowa.