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The appointment of Dr. Clarence Cottam as Chief of the Division of Wildlife Research, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was announced today by Albert M. Day, Acting Director of the Service.

Dr. Cottam will succeed Dr. Wm. B. Bell who retired on August 1.

Dr. Cottam has been associated with the Service and its predecessor agencies as a biologist since 1929. From that time his biological assignments have covered intensive laboratory work in economic ornithology and mammalogy, field research on management of waterfowl, upland game, depredations and control of injurious birds, marsh ecology, refuge management, and the coordination of wildlife conservation with other land and water uses.

In September 1934 he became a senior biologist and was placed in charge of a Section devoted to research on economic wildlife problems in the Division of Wildlife Research. In June 1944 he was appointed to a new position as assistant to the director.

As Chief of the Division of Wildlife Research, Dr. Cottam's headquarters will continue to be in Chicago, Ill., at the Central Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service.