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BOOKLET DESCRIBES TRUMPETER SWAN HAVEN

The principal home of this country's most sonorous-voiced waterfowl is described in a booklet titled Red Rock Lakes, a National Wildlife Refuge for Trumpeter Swans, published today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Because the annual census of trumpeter swans in the United States was made in September, the Fish and Wildlife Service scheduled release of the booklet to follow the September count. Of the 577 "trumpeters" within the Nation's borders at the time of the tally, 249 were on the Red Rock Lakes, Montana, sanctuary. A total of 161 swans in the environs of the refuge was also recorded.

The Federal Government has been protecting these majestic white birds since 1907 when the species was on the verge of extinction. In 1935, when the Red Rock Lakes preserve was established, a mere 73 trumpeter swans remained in the United States.

The booklet is Number Ten in the Fish and Wildlife Service's "Conservation in Action" series. It contains 9 pages of text by Ward M. Sharp and Winston E. Banko, prepared for publication by Will Barker of the Service's central office. The cover design is by Bob Hines of the central office and the majority of photographs were taken by Mr. Banko, manager of the refuge.

Copies of the booklet may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The price is 15¢ per copy.

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