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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELEASES OLD PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS FOR SPECIAL BOOK ON TEXAS BIRDS

Paintings and drawings made for the Government more than a half-century ago by the late Louis Agassiz Fuertes, noted artist, are being released by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, for use in a new publication, "Bird Life of Texas," now in preparation, the Department of the Interior said today.

The text, started originally about 60 years ago by Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, biologist with the old United States Biological Survey, predecessor agency of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, is being edited by the original author, now 91 years old. Dr. Oberholser, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, retired from Federal service 20 years ago with his manuscript still unpublished.

The illustrations by Artist Fuertes consist of 16 paintings and 17 drawings made while he journeyed through Texas with Dr. Oberholser many years ago. They were designed especially for the book. More than 150 photographs of Texas birds and their habitats will supplement the artist's figures.

Edgar Kincaid, Jr., of Austin, Tex., prominent ornithologist, will be special editor of the book and will work with Dr. Oberholser in readying it for publication.

Printing and sale of "Bird Life of Texas" will be by the University of Texas Press. Publishing costs will be borne by the Carrie Herring Hooks Fund.

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