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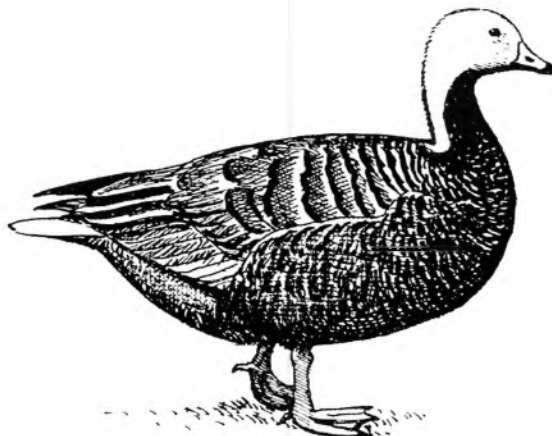
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Editorial

I have taken over the editorship of **WILDFOWL** from Professor Geoffrey Matthews (and his capable assistant Dr Malcolm Ogilvie) after he has been in charge for 21 years. It is remarkable, in that time, quite how much important biological research on ducks, geese and swans has been reported in the journal, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to Geoffrey's skill and experience. I shall have difficulty in matching his performance.

The change in title of The Wildfowl Trust to The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, which occurred in June 1989, will be reflected in its annual scientific publication. I hope to receive manuscripts that deal with the biology of wildfowl, including domestic ducks and geese and other waterbirds, wetland development and management, and techniques that may be applied to wildfowl, such as aviculture, and to their habitats. A new section of Progress Reports appears towards the end of the journal which includes the usual Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust reports on the year's ringing, counts etc. but omits the list of captive birds bred in the Trust's collections which will, in the future, appear in the Annual Report. I hope that researchers worldwide will feel able to contribute brief accounts of their recent findings to this section, and that the possibility of rapid publication will have some appeal.

My task has been made easier by the cheerful and kind help of Mary Prior, Tim Davis, Rosie Ounsted and Joyce Portlock, and the advice and hard work of a host of referees. I thank them all.

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