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***Wildfowl* 60: Editorial**

Wildfowl 60 marks over 60 years of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust publishing information on the ecology, biology and conservation of wildfowl and other waterbirds from across the globe. The first volume, then known as the *Severn Wildfowl Trust Annual Report* was produced in 1948. It incorporated the minutes of the first annual general meeting along with a report on the numbers of wild geese wintering at the New Grounds, Slimbridge, an update on the use of rocket nets on the marshes to catch geese for ringing, information on the Berkeley New Decoy and an inventory of birds in the Trust's waterfowl collection. In 1961 the *Wildfowl Trust Annual Report* was divided into two parts: an account of the Trust's activities for its Members and scientific papers submitted for publication in the journal. The name changed to *Wildfowl* (entitled *Wildfowl* 19) in 1968, the thinking behind the change being carefully described by Geoffrey Matthews and Malcolm Ogilvie in their editorial at the time. By this stage *Wildfowl* was an established international journal, attracting papers from leading researchers of the day interested in studying wildfowl and in the conservation of these species.

In the intervening years *Wildfowl* has continued to provide a high scientific output, and the journal is widely circulated. Yet the advent of the electronic age facilitates reaching an even wider audience. This year, therefore, in addition to the printed copies of *Wildfowl*, papers published in the journal are being made available electronically to all interested parties on the WWT website at <http://www.wwt.org.uk/publications>. Papers published in *Wildfowl* 55–59 and *Wildfowl* Special Issue No. 2 have already been posted for reading and downloading; papers in the current issue (*Wildfowl* 60) will be added shortly. Scanned earlier editions of the journal will also be added to the website in due course, to provide a source of information for researchers, conservationists and all those with an interest in wildfowl and their wetland habitats.

Papers in *Wildfowl* 60 maintain the diversity of subject matter and international scope that we have come to expect of the journal, covering topics ranging from the migration routes of Tundra Swans satellite-tracked in North America to the nesting ecology of Mottled Duck in Florida and movement patterns of the critically endangered Laysan Teal. Feeding ecology studies are described for Tundra Bean Geese wintering at Shengjin Lake, China and for Black Brant in California, USA. Within Europe, remote-sensing data is used to explain changes in the distribution of the Svalbard Pink-footed Geese at staging sites in north Norway, and the consequences of a northerly shift in distribution for the Icelandic Greylag Goose population wintering in Britain are explored in relation to reduced shooting of this quarry species. A short communication describes the increase in numbers of Whooper Swans breeding in Latvia from just one pair in 1973 to *c.* 260 pairs today.

I am most grateful to Tony Fox for acting as Associate Editor for *Wildfowl* over the past year; this has not only been a delight but has greatly facilitated the editing process. I am also pleased to report that, having served a 3-year term as members of the Editorial Board, Matt Guillemain and Bruce Dugger have kindly agreed to continue for a second term, that

Andy Green and David Roshier were recruited to the Board earlier this year, and that Jeff Black will be joining them in January 2011. Sadly Mark O'Connell has stood down to focus on developing his business (Ecological Research & Training); I am most grateful to him for his help and support over the years. I also thank the referees for their valuable comments on the papers, Ellen Matthews (EM Typesetting) and Paul Cockerton (Cambridge University Press) for producing the journal so effectively, and Maggie Sage, Caroline Grant and Jane Gawthorne for their invaluable assistance, including distributing *Wildfowl* 60.

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