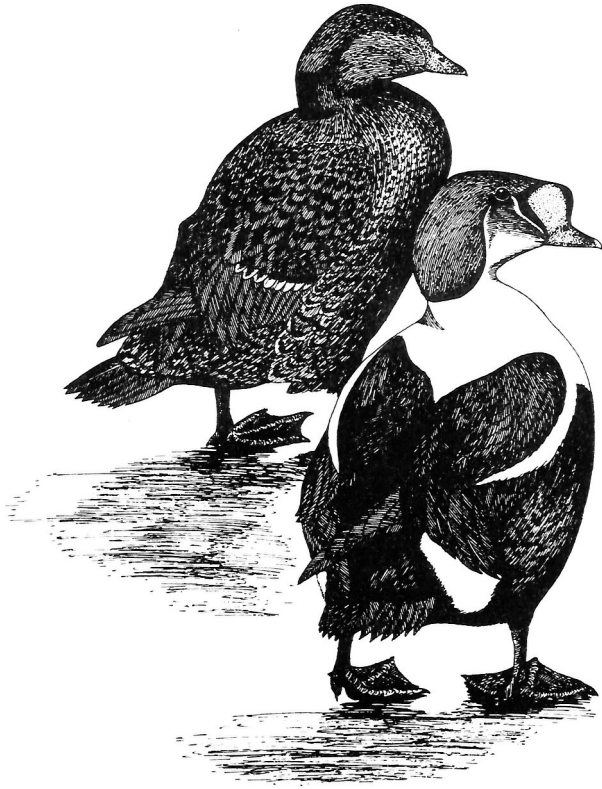


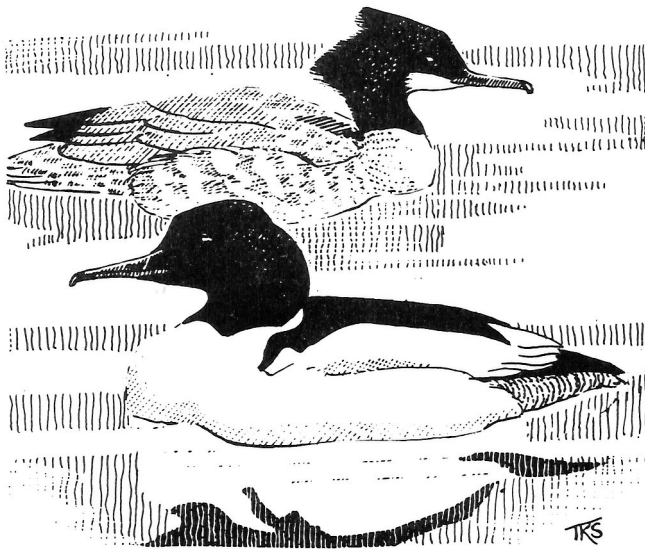
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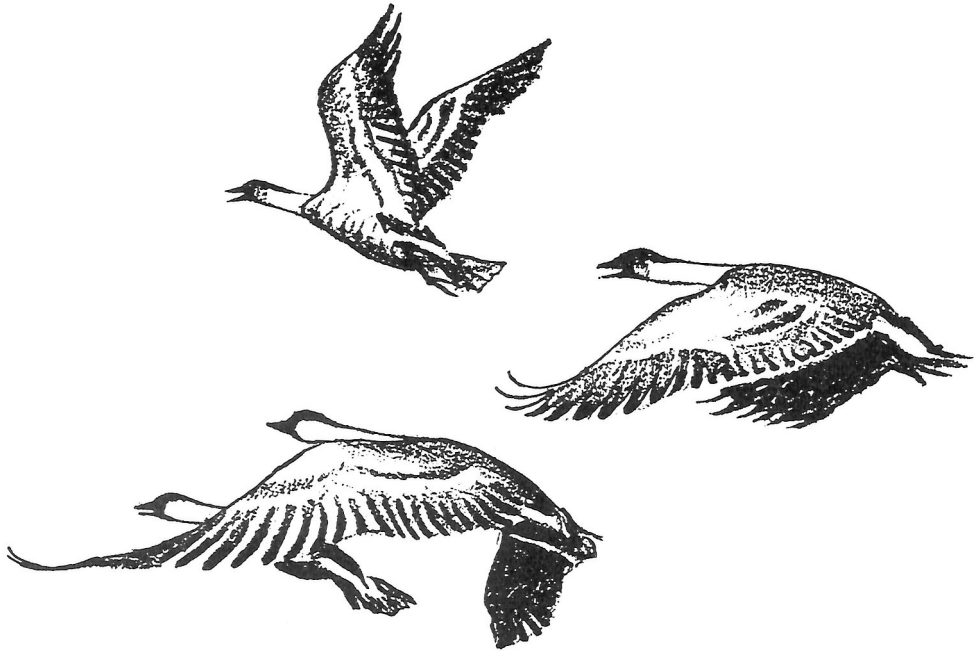
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I found contributions to *Wildfowl* 42 an interesting mixture; in particular, it was good to have (after a successful International Ornithological Congress in Christchurch, New Zealand) a number of papers from the Antipodes, including an excellent one on the rare Blue Duck. Current research on endangered wildfowl figures prominently in the papers submitted; increased interest in the status of the Hawaiian Goose is welcome, while the decline of the beautiful Baikal Teal of Asia is worrying.

DNA fingerprinting is contributing significantly to work on the relationships and evolution of wildfowl. The mortality of ducks, geese and swans, especially in relation to wildfowling, lead poisoning, pasteurellosis and powerlines, is also dealt with in this volume, and suggests the need for continuing investigation and publicity.

I am still anxious to receive worthwhile contributions on the biology of domestic wildfowl and on aspects of aviculture, so do consider *Wildfowl*, please, if you work in those fields.

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