

of the Mallard that is responsible for most of the so-called captures of the Blackduck in the West.

The SNOW GOOSE

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Snow Goose in books but nowhere else, Wavey on the prairies and in the North, and White Brant in the West are the names almost universally used for this Goose. Its breeding range is from the mouth of the Mackenzie east along the Arctic Coast, but it spreads southward on migrations over the greater part of North America.

Of all the Geese, the Wavey is the least wary and where not molested it becomes surprisingly tame. Only the open nature of the ground it frequents—the most open plains and estuaries of rivers—enables it to survive in these days of countless sportsmen; and special effort is needed to ensure that these winter feeding grounds are always available to ensure its perpetuation.

There are three other species of Snow Geese, the Greater Snow Goose, which breeds in Greenland and winters on the South Atlantic coast; the Blue Goose, breeding range unknown, which winters in the lower Mississippi valley; and Ross Goose, which winters in California and whose breeding range, like that of the Blue Goose, is one of the mysteries the North has still to yield. The last is the smallest of North American Geese and is known in the fur countries as the "Warty-nosed Wavey" from the small caruncles at the base of the bill in the old birds.

