

Notes from the Editor

In this issue of the Fish and Game Journal we have a nice mix, one article about trout, another about ducks, and one about elk. Plus, a book review about mountain lions. The elk article is another in a string of publications from a long-term study in Redwood National Park featured recently in a book review appearing in the last issue of the Journal, 104-1. The mallard article is a review of wintering and breeding populations in California; and the trout article reports the results of surveys conducted using citizen science, a welcomed and growing trend in wildlife and fisheries management.

We welcome the contributions from Department scientists for publication in the Journal. Sometimes, other venues for publications are pursued, which I would not ordinarily comment on, but with this exception, I want to bring to your attention the publication of: J. W. van Wagtenonk, N. G. Sugihara, S. L. Stephens, A. E. Thode, K. E. Shaffer, Editors. 2018. *Fire in California's Ecosystems*, 2nd Edition. U. C. Press, California, USA. It is apparent this topic has far-reaching social and ecological implications and has been a troubling reality for many here in California and elsewhere. From the news release: "Fire in California's Ecosystems describes fire in detail—both as an integral natural process in the California landscape and as a growing threat to urban and suburban developments in the state. Written by many of the foremost authorities on the subject, this comprehensive volume is an ideal authoritative reference tool and the foremost synthesis of knowledge on the science, ecology, and management of fire in California." The knowledge provided in this book will be valuable for resource managers as we cope with increased risk of wildlife exacerbated by climate change.

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