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CHARACTERISTICS OF GROUSE HUNTERS IN DELTA JUNCTION

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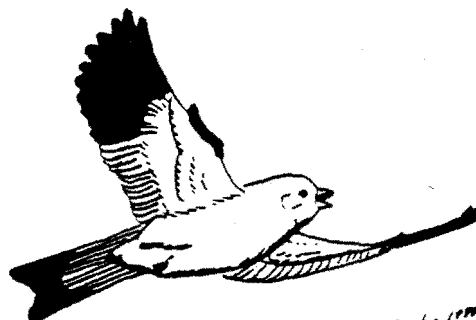
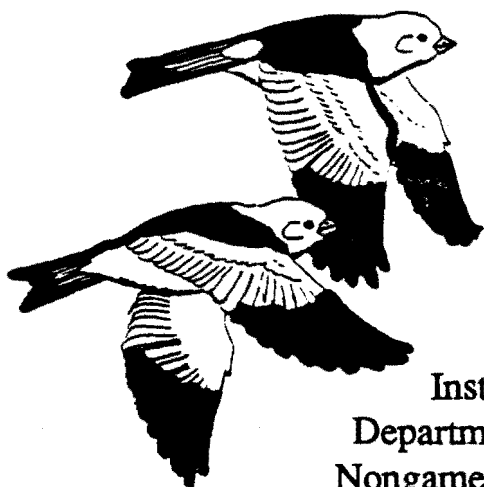
Grouse hunters in Delta Junction were asked to complete a questionnaire when contacted in the Delta Junction office of ADF&G or in the field. Forty-eight hunters responded. When interviewed, 42 hunters had killed 384 grouse. Ruffed grouse were killed most frequently, followed by spruce and sharp-tailed grouse. A mean of 8.0 grouse were killed per hunter. Sixty percent of hunters thought current seasons and bag limits were satisfactory, 40% thought they were too liberal, and none thought they were too restrictive. Information was also collected on age, gender, and residency of hunters, days hunted, suggested regulation changes, use of dogs, types of weapons used, and importance of hunting grouse relative to other game species. In a separate project, ruffed grouse were translocated from Interior Alaska to the Matanuska-Susitna valley.

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