

**FIELD GUIDE TO WARDEN'S WORDS – circa 1960s**  
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I recently made the mistake of referring to a game biologist as a game warden. So that you may be spared the pain and embarrassment sure to follow a similar error, I have prepared the following glossary of official terms. Never go afield without it.

**AERIAL SURVEY** - Using an airplane, instead of a truck, to determine that game is scarce.

**ANTERLESS** - Any animal without horns, such as a bear.

**ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION** - When you're raising something and not having much luck.

**AQUATIC MEDIUM** - When added to bourbon, this is called a bourbon and water.

**BIOLOGIST** - A game warden who wears a neck tie.

**ECOLOGIST** - A game warden who wears a sport shirt, and does not work on Saturday.

**BAG CHECK** - A ticket attached to your duffle, also a raid on a burlesque house.

**BREEDING GROUND SURVEY** - Extensive investigation of matters over which there is little or no control.

**BROOD COUNT** - Found by subtracting your hits from your misses.

**CONTROLLED BURNING** - A wildfire started accidentally by a forest ranger.

**COO COUNT** - Begin before dawn, count all mourning dove coos for two minutes, at one mile intervals, along a 20 mile route. Do this each spring for 25 years. Let us know what you find out.

**CREEL CENSUS** - A method used in determining whether the creel population is up or down.

**DATA** - Information collected by a biologist.

**POOP** - Information collected by a game warden.

**DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION** - A system in which each employee is given a definite assignment; for example, one man lays the eggs, while another eats them and destroys the nest.

**DOE/FAWN RATIO** - There is really nothing you can do about this, so simply purge it from your mind.

**FISH CULTURE** - Raising trout on pellets rather than horse meat.

**FORBS AND BROWSE** - Names used to describe weeds and bushes, by those who have attended college.

**GAME** - An activity that is so many times interrupted by hunters.

**GESTATION PERIOD** - The length of time it takes a man to determine when fawns are born.

**HABITAT** - A weed patch to which another hunter has out run you.

**GOOD HABITAT** - The same patch, if he gets a bird out of it.

**HABITAT IMPROVEMENT** - When that fellow goes home.

**HARVEST** - A term always used when describing hunting or fishing to a member of the Audubon Society.

**HUNTING PRESSURE** - The combined weight of all hunters. Usually increases after lunch.

**HUNTER SUCCESS** - A euphemism coined by the positive thinking crowd.

**INVESTIGATION** - A scientific process through which it is learned that there is no answer to the problem.

**KILL RATIO** - Determined by the number of empty bottles around a hunting camp.

**LIFE HISTORY** - Something known by animals for thousands of years, and recently discovered by a biologist.

**MORTALITY** - This occurs when something dies and nobody knows why.

**MARSH** - This costs about \$250 an acre.

**SWAMP** - This costs about \$25 an acre.

**NEST COUNT** - By counting the number of nests in an area, you can predict the number of pheasants that will be available in the fall. NOTE; Never count quail nests as these birds are incapable of rearing pheasants.

**PLANTING RECORD** - A notebook kept by Indians who spaced a trout in each hill of corn. Planting records are kept by sextons, also.

**POPULATION** - A word used in describing wildlife, when you don't know how many there are.

**PROJECT** - A job started by a biologist.

**PUBLIC HUNTING AREA** - Any area devoid of game.

**QUESTIONNAIRES** - Postal cards sent to people you don't know. These people then inform the Game Department whether or not you got a deer last fall.

**RATIO** - A patio for muskrats.

**REHABILITATION** - This is done to game ranges as well as lakes and streams. Begin by killing all plants and animals in the area.

**SEX RATIO** - A method used in showing that there is always more illegal than legal game in an area. What did you thought it meant.

**SPECIMEN** - A loathsome object collected by a biologist, wearing rubber gloves.

**YEOW!** - A specimen found curled up in your sleeping bag.

**SPORTSMAN-FARMER RELATIONS** - This has just got to stop, really!

**SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE** - Material used in sleep teaching.

**STATISTICS** - Sets of figures too complicated to understand, but too impressive to throw away. They are often used to calm mobs of angry sportsmen.

**SURVEY** - An activity undertaken by desk workers in conservation offices on opening days.

**TRANSECT** - Trans means across, sect is self explanatory. When a Baptist marries a Methodist, you have a transect.

**TREND** - This is a line, it may point up, point down, or remain constant. For best results, draw it in ink and lengthen it each year.

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT** - The process whereby men are paid for something animals do.

**WILDERNESS** - Any area with only one television station.

**ZOOGEOGRAPHY** - "But, Jobson said this was where they were!"

**SETTING SEASONS**  
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The snow is melting and the geese are returning,  
the rainbows are spawning, the water is churning.  
Now comes the time to set big game seasons,  
let the warden and biologist give their reasons.

As time goes on and the winters grow longer,  
I think of times when I was stronger.  
Instead of a fight over big game seasons,  
I will listen this time to the biologist's reasons.