

Biology Building
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Mr. John M. Kelly
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Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In reply to your letter of inquiry relating to the bobwhite, I am sending a reprint of a series of articles recently run in "American Game." Of course, I do not know just what your problems are but I might suggest offhand that you will probably obtain more satisfactory results through improving the environment to give your resident birds a chance, rather than through restocking. For one thing, first class northern birds for restocking purposes are almost impossible to get and I see great danger in the introduction of more birds from the South.

I have made no study of the Hungarian partridge, but I showed your letter to Mr. Aldo Leopold who has recently completed a game survey of the Middle West and of whom you have doubtless heard. He suggests that you refer to Phillips' "Wild Birds Transplanted into North America," Technical Bulletin 61, U. S. Department of Agriculture, April, 1928. He also tells me that he knows of only one county in Pennsylvania where Hungarians have succeeded; almost all of the introductions have been attended by failure in varied degrees. If you still want to try Hungarians, however, it would be well to plant them in open, level country where there is an adequate food supply. Most small grains, seeds of lesser ragweed and smartweed, corn, etc. available during periods when snow is on the ground constitute the proper food supply. Personally I don't see why you should want to bother with an exotic as long as there is a chance to gain satisfactory results with native species.

Yours sincerely,

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