

GONE!—Despite frantic efforts by the state of Massachusetts, the last bird of the eastern heath hen species died on Martha's Vineyard in 1931.

wolf, Marsupial banded anteater, wisent, chinchilla, mountain zebra, Caribbean monk seal, Addo bush elephant, and Cuban solenodon.

Researchers such as Dr. Jackson list literally hundreds of other animals and birds becoming dangerously scarce.

A good example is the Florida Keys deer. The Fish and Wildlife Service says only 30 to 40 are still hanging on in mangrove-choked islands between Key West and the mainland.

They swim from key to key in search of fresh water. Far more dangerous than their thirst, however, are illegal hunters. These "sportsmen," some coming from as far as Cuba, set fire to the keys or put dogs ashore. Then they wait in boats for the exhausted deer to try to escape by water.

The fisher, the marten, the wolverine, the unsuspecting kit fox of the western plains, all have been trapped to near-extinction for their fur. The black-footed ferret, several types of seals, the tule elk are in the low hundreds. The Florida manatee and the crocodile are almost relics of the past in this country.

All told, wildlife experts say, more animals and birds will join the dodo in the 20th century than in any other 100-year period in mankind's records.

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Some *metals*, such as iron, steel and nickel, are called paramagnetic by scientists, meaning they are attracted by magnets; others are diamagnetic, which means having weak magnetic properties.

METEOROLOGY

Warmer than Normal June Over Most of Country

➤ JUNE is going to be warmer than usual over most of the nation—especially warmer in the northeast and southwest. This is the opinion of the Extended Forecast Section of the U. S. Weather Bureau in its 30-day forecast just out.

The northern Rocky Mountain states and the northern plains, however, will experience a cooler than normal June.

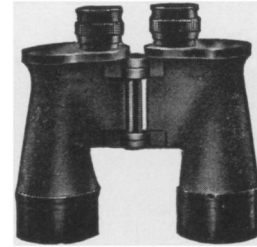
The dust bowl area can expect little relief. The Weather Bureau predicts less than normal rainfall in the southwest corner of the country, extending into the western edge of the dust bowl. Over the rest of the area, rains will be normal during June—but normal is not much at this time of the year.

The country's north and central plains and the Great Lakes region, will have generally abundant showery rainfall during June. This means more thunder showers than usual.

Along with its warmer than normal temperatures, the northeastern part of the country will have less rain than usual. The rest of the country can expect about normal amounts of rainfall during June.

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