

# PROFILES IN PROFESSIONALISM



*As in every organization, in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service there are certain individuals whose talents, backgrounds and accomplishments are unique. Often these persons are little known outside their own special areas and their important professional contributions are not generally recognized. In this "gallery" an attempt is made to share with readers of AMERICAN FORESTS a glimpse of a few present and former Wildlife Service employees whose approach to their professional responsibilities is out of the ordinary. There are many other "unsung heroes" in the Service. This presentation is merely a sample.*

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**D**R. STICKEL wears the mantle of "first lady" of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not only with humility but also with grace and charm. She is "first" in many ways—first woman to direct a major laboratory, first to achieve supergrade civil service status, and one of the pioneer researchers in the field of effects of environmental pollutants on wildlife.

A native of Michigan, Dr. Stickel received her academic training in that state's schools—a B.A. from Eastern Michigan University, an M.S. from the University of Michigan, and her doctorate (in zoology) from that same university.

Dr. Stickel has spent her entire career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the agencies which preceded it. And, believe it or not, all at the Patuxent Center—starting out as a wildlife research biologist in 1943 and achieving the directorship three decades later in 1973.

Her professional affiliations include the following:

- Research Panel of the Working Group on Pesticides, Council on Environmental Quality.
- National Academy of Sciences Panel on Monitoring Persistent Pesticides in the Marine Environment.
- Study Group on Unintended Occurrence of Pesticides in the Environment, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (1969-70). (U.S. Delegate)
- Swedish Conference on Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides (National Poisons and Pesticides Board) March 25-27, 1969 (one of three U.S. Representatives)
- National Research Council Committee on Pest Control Regulatory Decision Making at the Federal and State Levels. 1975-
- Environmental Protection Agency Administrator's Pesticide Policy Advisory Committee (Interior representative). 1975-
- Project Leader US/USSR Environmental Agreement—Effects of Chemicals used in Agriculture on Fauna.

As one of the premier scientists in government, Dr. Stickel can, indeed, display her fair share of laurels, including the coveted Leopold Award.