

Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

WILDLIFE—A SAFE USE FOR ERODIBLE LAND

Wildlife is the one crop which nature everywhere strives to produce. Since the harvesting of surplus wildlife does not remove any of the vegetative cover—as does the harvesting of cultivated, meadow, pasture, or timber crops—areas devoted to this use are permanently stabilized. More valuable adjacent lands thereby are protected.



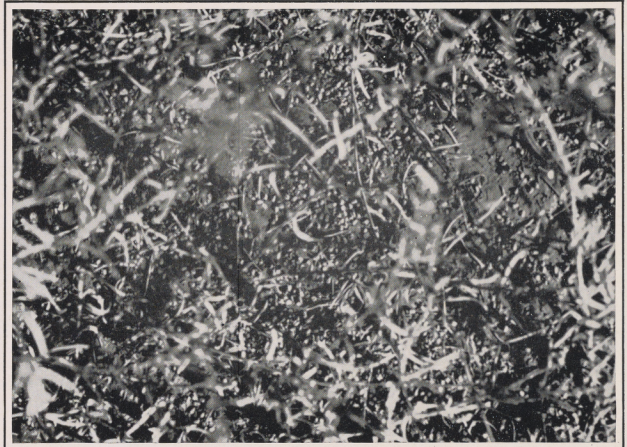
Young cottontail rabbits form a nest in the weeds and grass cover on a field retired from cultivation because of severe erosion.



Natural growth of brush and small check dam have stabilized this gully. The vegetation provides good escape cover for a variety of small birds and fur animals.



Gully stabilized by natural growth of grasses which provide nesting cover for quail and similar wildlife species.



Rough buttonweed seed on the ground at edge of field. Seed-bearing shrubs and weeds furnish food and haven for wildlife.



An active gully on a site too unstable to be cultivated or pastured. (See picture opposite.)



Chart No. 9



Protected by diversion ditch and a fence, the same gully a year later is controlled and producing a good wildlife food supply.