Each time a hunter buys a hunting license, the money he spends goes toward many facets of wildlife management. Since 1920, close to a million and a half acres of State Game Lands have been acquired with these funds. Each year nearly $7,000,000 is spent to improve wildlife habitat. Habitat improvements enhance living conditions for non-game birds and mammals as well as those species which are hunted. Pennsylvania hunters willingly share these lands with the non-hunting public, and with few exceptions, State Game Lands are open for general use year round. Surveys indicate that hunting accounts for only thirty-five percent of game land usage. The remaining sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting purposes.

"Working Together for Wildlife" is a Game Commission program providing everyone an opportunity to help support wildlife management in the areas for endangered and non-game animals. Monies derived from the "Working Together for Wildlife" Program are being used in Pennsylvania to re-introduce the osprey, river otter, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and provide habitat for other birds and mammals indigenous to the Commonwealth. Construction placement of blue bird houses on State Game Lands provides needed homes for this beautiful songbird. Islands in the Susquehanna River have been set aside as propagation areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public properties which will also provide food and habitat for non-game wildlife.

The future of Pennsylvania's wildlife resources requires the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. "Working Together for Wildlife" is the answer. Send your contributions to "Working Together for Wildlife", 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9797.

**STATE GAME LANDS**

**No. 115**

**NORTHAMBERLAND & MONTOUR COUNTIES**

State Game Lands Number 115 is located in Liberty and Mahoning Townships, Montour County and Point Township, Northumberland County, and consists of 1,686.2 acres. The Game Lands are one contiguous tract with no private inholdings, and contains one compartment.

The Game Lands are approximately 5 miles west of the borough of Danville and about 8 miles northeast of the borough of Sunbury. Public access to the Game Lands is via a right-of-way off Township Route 330 to the north of the tract. The topography varies from moderately steep side hills to ridge top flats. Elevations range from 700 feet in the southernmost portion of the Game Lands to a peak of 1388 on Montour Ridge.

Game Lands 115 is predominately an oak forest, with a wide variety of other hardwood species and several conifer species also present. Oak species present include red, white, scarlet, black and chestnut. Other common hardwood species found are red maple, black birch, yellow poplar and black gum. Conifer species include hemlock, white pine and pitch pine.

This Game lands is entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 4E. The principal species hunted on this Game Lands are white-tailed deer, Eastern wild turkey, ruffed grouse, white pine, Eastern coyote. The occasional black bear and bobcat can be found on this Game Lands but are not common. SGL 115 does not fall within or occur near any currently established IMA or IBA.

Hiking, bird watching, and cross-country skiing are lawful recreational activities that occur occasionally. This game lands is relatively small in size and is not a major attraction for these activities.