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Barry T. W. 1962. Effect of late seasons on Atlantic Brant reproduction. – *J. Wildlife Manage.*, 26: 19–26.

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Owen M. 1980. *Wild Geese of the World*. – London, B. T. Bastford Ltd.: 1–230.

Newton I. 1977. Timing and success of breeding in tundra-nesting geese. – *Evolutionary Ecology* (eds. Stonehouse B., Perrins C.). London, The Macmillan Press Ltd.: 113–126.

Mischenko A., Sukhanova O. 1999. Rare bird species in Central Russia: some reasons for rarity and survival perspectives. – *The Ring* (Abstracts of the 2nd Meeting of the European Ornithologists Union and 3rd International Shrike Symposium), 21 (1): 115.

Tolvanen P. 1996. Lesser White-fronted Goose expedition to the Kanin Peninsula. August 26 – September 12, 1996. Preliminary summary. – Unpublished report: 1–7.

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