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UNLAWFUL TO KILL SWANS
ANYWHERE IN UNITED STATES

The 10-year close season during which swans may not be hunted anywhere in the United States expires December 7, 1926. This restriction was made under the provisions of article 3 of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain enacted for the protection of birds migrating between the United States and Canada. The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which makes this announcement, says that the Federal law to enforce the treaty also prohibits the taking of migratory birds except as permitted by regulations thereunder promulgated by the President. Therefore, even with the end of the 10-year close season, it will still be unlawful to kill these birds at any time, until the migratory-bird treaty act regulations are amended to allow the "killing of swans" during a stated open season. An exception will be made for scientific purposes, however, under permit of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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