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WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 31

The open season for the shooting of wild ducks, wild geese, brant, coots, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, closes at sunset on January 31, on Long Island, N. Y., and in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. In all other parts of the country the season closed on December 31, January 7, or January 15. This information has been supplied by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the Federal law for the protection of birds migrating between the United States and Canada.

The Federal law and regulations permit migratory game birds that have been legally killed to be possessed in any State during the period constituting the open season in the State where killed and for the additional ten days immediately following the close of the open season. Thus, waterfowl and the other birds mentioned may not be possessed in any State after February 10. In States where the open season closed earlier under the Federal regulations, the possession of the birds taken in those States was not legal after January 10, January 17, or January 25, depending upon the closing date of the open season, but birds taken in a State where the open season continued through the month of January can be possessed in any State, if allowed by State law, until February 10. The Biological Survey calls attention to the fact that the carcasses of migratory game birds found in storage or elsewhere after the close of these possession seasons not only will be seized, but the owners of such birds will be rendered liable to prosecution in Federal courts.

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