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WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON
WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 31

The open season under the Federal regulations for the hunting or shooting of wild ducks, wild geese, brant, coots, and Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe closes at sunset on January 31, on Long Island, N. Y., and in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. In various States in other parts of the country the season closed on December 31, January 7, or January 15. This information comes from the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the Federal migratory-bird treaty act and the regulations thereunder for the protection of migratory birds.

Migratory game birds legally killed are allowed by the regulations to be possessed in any State during the open season in the State where killed, and for 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 those States where the open season closed earlier under the Federal regulations, the possession of the birds taken in those States is illegal 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 continues 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 may be seized, but the owners of such birds will be liable to prosecution in Federal courts.

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