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HUNTERS WARNED AGAINST
BAITING MOURNING DOVES

Shooting or otherwise taking mourning doves by means of bait is now unlawful, the Bureau of Biological Survey points out in a statement issued as a warning to persons who have put out bait for these birds or are contemplating such action.

"Attention of dove hunters", says the bureau, "is called to an amendment of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Regulations, adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture and approved by the President on August 20, under which it no longer is permissible to hunt mourning doves lured, enticed, or attracted to areas where feed of any kind has been deposited, distributed or scattered. U. S. Game Management Agents and their deputies will enforce this new Federal regulation."

Hunting Begins September 1

Hunting mourning doves will begin on September 1 in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, California, Nevada, Idaho, and Oregon.

The open season in these States will close on December 15. In a northern zone of Texas also, the season will begin on September 1 but will there close on October 31. In North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama (except in Mobile, Baldwin and Washington Counties), and Mississippi the Federal regulations permit hunting September 1 to 30 and November 20 to January 31.

Open seasons elsewhere are as follows:

In a southern zone of Texas, October 1 to November 30.

Brazos County, Texas, November 15 to January 15.

Mobile, Baldwin, and Washington Counties of Alabama, and Florida west of the Ochlockonee River, November 1 to January 31.

Dade, Monroe, and Broward Counties of Florida, September 16 to November 15.

Florida (except in Dade, Monroe, and Broward Counties and all counties west of the Ochlockonee River), November 20 to January 31.

Louisiana, November 2 to January 31.