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HUNTERS WITHOUT DUCK STAMPS
ARE ARRESTED IN COLORADO



Five over-anxious duck hunters in Colorado have jumped the gun and will probably be punished for shooting ducks before the season opened and without Federal duck stamps, reports the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The accused shooters will be tried in Federal court.

The five men--a deputy sheriff and four experienced hunters--are the first alleged violators of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, which requires a hunter of ducks, geese, or brant to carry on his person a \$1 duck stamp obtainable at the post office in any city of over 2,500 population, or in any county seat. The act was passed to provide funds for the restoration of duck nesting areas and for the establishment of refuges.

In this first year in which duck stamps are required, the enforcement practice being followed, says the Biological Survey, is in general to caution violators advise them of the provisions of the law, and give them an opportunity to purchase stamps. This policy, the Bureau points out, is not followed however when it is clear that a hunter has willfully and knowingly violated the statute.

Penalties for violation of the act are a fine of not to exceed \$500, 6 months imprisonment, or both.