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CALIFORNIA DUCK HUNTERS PUNISHED FOR USING BAIT

Thirteen Californians recently were fined a total of \$325 in Federal court at San Francisco for hunting ducks over baited club ponds last season, hunting without duck stamps, and hunting with unplugged guns.

Charges of violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act were pressed against the 13 offenders by game management agents of the U. S. Biological Survey. The Federal agents, accompanied by California wardens, found cracked rice, milo maize, duck millet, sprouted barley, lime grits, oyster shells, and tomato pulp placed in the private duck club ponds or on bare spots along the pond shores over which the members hunted.

"Game management agents spare no efforts to stop this illegal practice of shooting waterfowl over bait," says W. E. Crouch, chief of the Survey's Division of Game Management. "The regulation forbidding baiting was adopted to check the deep inroads this practice was making in the numbers of waterfowl."