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MIGRATORY BIRD LAW TO BE ENFORCED.
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Sportsmen Warned that Federal Regulations for
Protection of Wild Fowl Must Be Observed.
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Washington, D. C., With the approach of the
open season for shooting wild fowl, the United States Department
of Agriculture is warning sportsmen that the Federal regulations
as amended October 1, 1914, will be strictly enforced. Some mis-
understanding has arisen from the fact that the various State
laws do not always conform to the Federal regulations. This is
regarded as unfortunate but in such cases the Department must in-
sist upon the observance of the Federal regulations.

The Department will consider any recommendations submitted
in good faith for amendment of the regulations, but will hold no
public hearings thereon, nor will it amend the regulations prior
to October 15, 1915. It is the purpose of the Department to con-
form the regulations to the wishes of the majority of sportsmen
so far as it can be done and at the same time give wild fowl the
necessary protection.

Federal regulations divide the United States into two zones.
Zone No. 1, the breeding zone, includes the States of Oregon,
Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Penn-
sylvania, and New Jersey, and all States north of them. Zone No.
2, the wintering zone, includes all States south of those named.

The regulations prescribe seasons as follows:

OPEN SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS IN 1915
UNDER FEDERAL REGULATIONS--ZONE No. 1.

WATERFOWL	SEPT. 1--DEC. 16
Exceptions: Massachusetts, Rhode Island.	Oct. 1--Jan. 1
New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington, Idaho.	Oct. 1--Jan. 16
New Jersey	Nov. 1--Feb. 1
Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.	Sept. 7--Dec. 1
RAILS, COOTS, GALLINULES	SEPT. 1--DEC. 1
Exceptions: Massachusetts, New Hamp- shire, Rhode Island.	Aug. 15--Dec. 1
Connecticut, Michigan, New York, Long Island.	Sept. 16--Dec. 1
Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.	Sept. 7--Dec. 1
Oregon, Washington	Oct. 1--Jan. 16
WOODCOCK.	OCT. 1--DEC. 1
Exceptions: Connecticut Massachusetts, New Jersey	Oct. 10--Dec. 1
Rhode Island	Nov. 1--Dec. 1
Pennsylvania, Long Island.	Oct. 15--Dec. 1
SHORE BIRDS--BLACK-BREASTED AND GOLDEN PLOVER, JACKSNIPPE, YELLOWLEGS.	SEPT. 1--DEC. 16
Exceptions: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hamp- shire, Rhode Island, Long Island.	Aug. 15--Dec. 1
New York (except Long Island).	Sept. 16--Dec. 1
Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.	Sept. 7--Dec. 1
Oregon, Washington	Oct. 1--Dec. 16

Insectivorous birds protected indefinitely. Band-tailed pigeons, cranes, swans, curlew, smaller shore birds, and wood ducks protected until September 1, 1918. Rails in Vermont and woodcock in Illinois also protected until 1918.

Shooting prohibited between sunset and sunrise; or at any time on sections of upper Mississippi and Missouri Rivers after January 1, 1915.

OPEN SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS IN 1915
UNDER FEDERAL REGULATIONS--ZONE No. 2.

WATERFOWL OCT. 1--JAN.16

Exceptions: Delaware, Maryland, District of
Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina,
Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Nov. 1--Feb.1
Florida, Georgia, South Carolina Nov.20--Feb.16
Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma Sept.15--Feb.1
Arizona, California, Texas Oct.15--Feb.1

RAILS, COOTS, GALLINULES. SEPT.1--DEC.1

Exceptions: Tennessee, Utah, Oct. 1--Dec.1
Missouri Sept.15--Jan.1
Louisiana, Nov. 1--Feb.1
Arizona, California (coots). Oct.15--Feb.1

WOODCOCK. NOV. 1--JAN.1

Exceptions: Delaware, Louisiana. Nov.15--Jan.1
West Virginia, Oct. 1--Dec.1
Georgia, Dec. 1--Jan.1

SHORE BIRDS--BLACK-BREASTED AND GOLDEN

PLOVER, JACKSNIFE, YELLOWLEGS. SEPT.1--DEC.16

Exceptions: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina Nov.20--Feb.1
Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Nov. 1--Feb.1
Tennessee, Oct. 1--Dec.16
Arizona, California, Oct.15--Feb.1
Utah (snipe) Oct. 1--Dec.16
Utah (plover and yellowlegs) Sept.1, 1918

Insectivorous birds protected indefinitely. Band-tailed
pigeons, cranes, swans, curlew, and smaller shore birds protected
until September 1, 1918; wood ducks in Kansas and West Virginia,
rails and wood ducks in California, and woodcock in Missouri are
also protected until September 1, 1918.

Shooting prohibited between sunset and sunrise; or at any time
on the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and Memphis, after
January 1, 1915.