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FALL MIGRATION OF BIRDS
COMING EARLIER THAN USUAL

The annual flight of wild game birds southward from their breeding grounds is on and is ahead this year of the usual time such flights start, according to the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture. Many more thousands birds are now on the wing, the department states, than have flown south for years.

All indications are that the flight will not only furnish hunters excellent sport, but that there will have to be little waiting after the open season starts. No reason is assigned by the department for the earliness of the southern flight. Only the birds know.

The pintail and the teal already are on the wing. The mallard, the canvas-back, the redhead, the widgeon, the black head and other later emigrants soon will be on their way to warmer climes. Reports from almost every section tell of the great size of the flights already under way.

From the sandhills of Nebraska come reports of larger numbers of ducks than seen for years. Little Goose Lake in South Dakota, visited recently by a representative of the Biological Survey, was reported to be literally alive with ducks. From almost every section of Iowa ducks are reported to be plentiful. In the Green Bay section of Wisconsin there are said to be more ducks than ever before. Many more black ducks are reported in Maine than were seen last season. Along the New Jersey coast there also has been a big increase.