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PERMITS GIVEN SCIENTISTS
TO TAKE MIGRATORY BIRDS

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Authority to collect migratory birds for scientific purposes was issued to 836 persons by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture during the past fiscal year. In addition, 160 persons were authorized to possess migratory birds for such purposes and 48 were authorized to capture migratory water fowl to assist them in breeding wild fowl for domestication. The possession of migratory water fowl for propagation purposes was authorized also by the bureau in 2,139 instances.

Only a small percentage of the persons to whom permits to propagate wild fowl were issued are engaged in breeding the birds for food purposes, many of the birds being held merely for ornamentation or for use as decoys. Permits were issued by the bureau to 150 responsible persons authorizing them to trap, band, and release migratory birds in cooperation with the Government's efforts to obtain scientific data concerning distribution, breeding habits and times and lines of migratory flight of the birds.