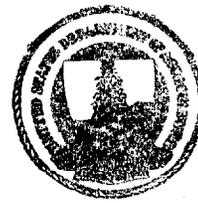




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**WOOD DUCKS PROTECTED**  
**BY FEDERAL CLOSE SEASON**

Press notices from Florida that the ban on killing wood ducks had been lifted, are incorrect, says the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture. Persons killing these beautiful birds, says the bureau, are liable to find themselves in serious legal difficulties. Under the treaty with Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, which became effective on December 7, 1916, wood ducks are given special protection, and the Federal regulations do not provide an open season anywhere in the United States during which they may be hunted and killed. Until such open seasons are provided and proclaimed by the President the special protection afforded these birds under the treaty remains in force, and persons killing them are liable to a fine of \$500, or imprisonment for six months, or to both fine and imprisonment. State laws or regulations providing open seasons on wood ducks are of no effect, as the Federal law, under the treaty, predominates except in cases where State laws give greater protection to migratory birds.

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