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NEW FEDERAL BIRD REFUGE
CREATED IN COLUMBIA RIVER

A new Federal bird reservation, to be known as the Columbia River Bird Refuge, has been created by President Coolidge on two small islands in the Columbia River, at the mouth of the Walla Walla River, Washington, comprising together about eight and a quarter acres of land.

The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, under whose jurisdiction the new refuge is placed, has found these rocky islets especially desirable as breeding grounds and safe retreats for wild fowl. From early in winter until the northward migration of wild fowl in the spring the islands have been for years the favorite day-time resting places for hundreds of wild ducks, especially mallards, and wild geese, as well as for gulls, blue herons, and other species in smaller numbers.

The new reservation is not easily accessible to man and already affords waterfowl fairly safe refuge from the fact that the Washington State game law already protects all waterfowl on the Columbia River.

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