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SEASON FOR HUNTING WOODCOCK  
CHANGED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Changes in the regulations under the migratory-bird treaty act, effective July 13, 1928, are announced by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. The changes affect waterfowl locally in Massachusetts, doves in Georgia and Louisiana, and woodcock throughout the country.

The new amendments establish the period October 1 to January 15 for hunting migratory waterfowl in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, south and east of the Cape Cod Canal, thus conforming with the open season in Dukes and Nantucket Counties. The open season on mourning doves in Georgia is made from October 16 to January 31, conforming with the State season; and a split season on mourning doves is established in Louisiana from September 1 to September 30 and from November 20 to January 31.

A general readjustment of the open seasons on woodcock has been made, with a reduction in the hunting period to one month. The periods during which woodcock may be hunted during the approaching open season are as follows:

In Maine, Vermont, and North Dakota from October 1 to October 31;

In New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut from October 20 to November 19;

In New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa from October 15 to November 14;

In Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Missouri from November 10 to December 10;

In Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Oklahoma from November 15 to December 15; and

In North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana from December 1 to December 31.

Information obtained by the Biological Survey from inquiries and investigations indicate that taking its range as a whole the woodcock as a species is decreasing in numbers. The readjustments in the Federal seasons on this species have been so worked out that there is a minimum of conflict with State laws on the woodcock and in most instances the seasons will open simultaneously with or later than the State seasons on quail and other upland species.

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