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SPLIT SEASON ON DOVES IN  
CERTAIN SOUTHERN STATES

Recent changes approved by the President in the regulations under the migratory-bird treaty act, which is enforced by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, prescribe the season for shooting mourning doves in South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana as from September 1 to September 30 and from November 20 to January 31. This so-called split season is somewhat of a departure in fixing open seasons, and is the result of numerous efforts to please the sportsmen of the States affected and at the same time to provide adequate protection for the birds. Conditions differ in the northern and southern sections of some of these States, and nearly every season on doves that has been prescribed has been unsatisfactory to certain sections. The Biological Survey is of the opinion that this new split season, which provides a smaller number of days for shooting than the old single season, will prove satisfactory to a majority concerned.

In Georgia the season on doves will be from October 16 to January 31. This State would have been included in the new split season except for the fact that a conflict with State law would result, whereby the privileges of the hunters would be curtailed the coming fall. At the request of the State game authorities the split season will not be adopted for Georgia until after the legislature has made the necessary change in the State law. In Florida the State law does not permit the killing of mourning doves in that State until November 20, except in the counties of Brevard, Dade, and Monroe.

The migratory-bird treaty act provides that mourning doves may not be killed from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. In a number of instances United States game protectors have found hunters killing mourning doves previous to one-half hour before sunrise when it was almost dark, who pleaded ignorance of the law when arraigned in Federal court.

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