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BIRD REGULATION AMENDMENTS
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Amendments to the regulations under the Migratory-Bird Treaty Act, under which the game and other birds that migrate between the United States and Canada receive protection in this country, adopted by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde on April 20, were approved by President Hoover on April 23, 1929. The nature of the amendments has been briefly summarized as follows by the Bureau of Biological Survey, which administers the law and the regulations:

Hunting migratory game birds from automobiles is prohibited, and the close season is continued on greater and lesser yellowlegs. In addition certain further restrictions are made on scientific collecting, including a provision that restricts the taking of migratory game birds by scientific collectors to the period on any day from half an hour before sunrise to sunset. This change, in the opinion of the Biological Survey, will not be a handicap to legitimate collectors.

Taxidermists engaged in receiving and mounting migratory birds are now required to keep accurate records of all transactions. Applications to take or possess migratory birds for scientific or educational purposes will in future be accepted when endorsed by an ornithologist or certain persons engaged in scientific work or in wild-life conservation. This gives the applicants greater latitude in obtaining endorsements, as formerly endorsements of

ornithologists only were acceptable.

The period November 1 to January 31 is established as the open season on mourning doves in Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama, to take care of the peculiar existing local conditions. While the new season is shorter than that formerly provided, it is satisfactory to local sportsmen and was approved by the Alabama Department of Game and Fisheries.

In North Carolina the season on mourning doves is changed to the period November 20 to January 31, thus conforming with the State season on these birds and on quail, rabbits, and wild turkeys, and will facilitate enforcement of seasons and other provisions affecting upland game.

Georgia is included in the group of Southern States having a split season on mourning doves--the dates being September 1 to 30 and November 20 to January 31.

In New York the period October 1 to 31 is established as the open season for hunting woodcock, the same as in Vermont.

A new waterfowl season from September 24 to January 7 is prescribed for Illinois and Missouri.

In Oklahoma the new migratory-waterfowl season is October 16 to January 31, the same as for the northern part of Texas.

In the State of Washington east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains the period September 16 to December 31 is made the open season on waterfowl, the season for the rest of the State remaining unchanged (October 1 to January 15).

A pamphlet containing the full text of the Federal regulations on migratory birds, as well as the Treaty and the Treaty Act (Service and Regulatory Announcements--Biological Survey No. 71) may be had free on request to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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