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WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON CLOSES JANUARY 31

January 31 will mark the closing date for wild-fowl shooting in all parts of the United States where the season had not already closed on December 31, January 7, or January 15. The sections where the season on wild ducks, wild geese, brants, coots, and jacksnipe closes on January 31 are Long Island, N. Y., New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. This information comes from the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the Federal law and regulations for the protection of migratory birds.

Under the Federal regulations game birds legally killed may be possessed in any State during the open season in the State where killed and for a period of ten days thereafter. Persons having waterfowl in their possession after January 31, however, are cautioned that they should consult their State game laws, as in some of the States the period for possession allowed under Federal regulations is curtailed by State law. Birds in possession after the periods allowed by Federal regulations are liable to seizure by United States game protectors, and the owners are subject to prosecution in Federal courts.

In those States where the season closed earlier, the final date for legal possession was January 10, January 17, or January 25, depending upon the closing date under Federal regulations.