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517 WILD DUCKS SEIZED  
FROM GAME-LAW VIOLATORS  
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Three months after the hunting season closed in Illinois three violators of the Federal migratory-bird treaty act were arrested March 11 near Beardstown, for having in their possession 517 wild ducks and one wild goose, according to reports received by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The violators of the bird-conservation law, Faril and Perry Lane, of Browning, and Frank Nolch, of Fox Lake, were arrested through the cooperation of the Illinois highway police and State and Federal game wardens. When arrested they were traveling in two automobiles, which were also seized by the law officers, to be used as evidence. The Department of Agriculture will report the cases to the Attorney General for prosecution in Federal court.

The season for possessing wild ducks and geese ended in Illinois December 10. Even during the season the maximum number of wild ducks that could legally have been possessed by one person was thirty.

These arrests and the penalty faced by the violators, according to officials of the Biological Survey, should deter further infractions of the game law in this important concentration area.