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DUCK SEASON TO OPEN
IN NORTH ON OCT. 21

Biological Survey Advises Hunters on
Federal Rules; To be Enforced by
"Flying Squadrons"

The hunting season on ducks, geese, brant, and coot opens in Northern States on October 21. The Biological Survey has issued a statement advising sportsmen of the outstanding Federal rules governing hunting.

On each of the 30 days of the season, which closes in the Northern States on November 19, shooting is permitted between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., standard time.

The daily bag limit for ducks is 10 of any one kind or of all kinds which it is legal to shoot. Possession is limited at any one time to not exceeding 10 ducks, and also to one day's bag limit of any other species of migratory game birds for which open seasons are provided. No automatic or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells at the time of hunting can be used in shooting migratory game birds. All persons over 16 years of age, hunting migratory waterfowl must carry with them a validated Federal hunting stamp on sale at post offices for \$1. Shooting of wood ducks, ruddy ducks, bufflehead ducks, Ross's geese, or swans is prohibited, as is also the shooting of snow geese in States bordering on the Atlantic ocean. Text of laws and regulations may be obtained from the Chief, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

The States in the northern zone are Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri,

Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, including Long Island, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, Washington, and Wyoming. In other States the season will not open until November 20 and will close on December 19.

Flying Squadrons to Enforce Laws

Using the methods developed last year, the Bureau will enforce the Federal game laws through the agency of "flying squadrons" of Federal officers cooperating with local officials and sportsmen. Moving quickly into areas where violations are reported or suspected, these squadrons represent the Bureau's solution in part of how to enforce the laws with a small number of officers.