

OPEN SEASONS FOR WILD DUCK

The Hon. Minister administering the Fauna Protection Act and Regulations, the Hon. A. V. R. Abbott, has announced the following open seasons for the shooting of wild ducks -

From 5 o'clock in the afternoon of December 20, 1952, to May 31, 1953, in the Northampton, Upper Chapman, Geraldton-Greenough, Irwin, Mingenew, Three Springs, Carnamah, Dandarragan, Moora, Gingin, Victoria Plains, Chittering, Wanneru, Swan, Mundaring, Darling Range, Armadale-Kelmscott, Serpentine-Jarrahdale,

Mandurah, Murray, Drakesbrook, Marradong, Harvey, Capel, Dardanup, Collie Coalfields, Preston, Balingup, Greenbushes, Bridgetown, Upper Blackwood, Busselton, Margaret River, Nannup and Manjimup Road Districts.

From 5 o'clock in the forenoon of December 21, 1952, to May 31, 1953, in all that part of the State lying outside the abovementioned road districts.

Wild ducks of all species are still wholly protected throughout the whole year in all the following areas which have been exempted from such open seasons -

- (a) The whole of the area within a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office at Perth.
- (b) All Municipalities and Townsites within the boundaries of the South-West Land Division.
- (c) The whole of the Rockingham Road District.
- (d) The whole of the waters of Lakes Leschenaultia and Seppings and Bambang, Wagin, Nambung, Mungala and Wannerup Lakes and all those portions of land lying within twenty chains of the shore of the said lakes.
- (e) The whole of the waters of Leschenault, Vasse and Wonnerup Estuaries and all those portions of land lying within twenty chains of the shores of the said estuaries.
- (f) The whole of the waters of the Vasse, King and Kalgan Rivers, and all those portions of land lying within twenty chains of the banks of the said rivers.
- (g) The whole of the waters of Oyster Harbour and Princess Royal Harbour and all those portions of land lying within a radius of twenty chains of the shores of the said harbours.
- (h) The whole of the area of the Yanchep Caves Reserve, No. A9868.
- (i) The whole of the Harvey Catchment area.

- (j) The whole of the area lying within a radius of two miles of the Post Office at Mandurah.

No person shall take wild ducks in any greater quantity greater than fifteen in any one day.

The co-operation of the sporting public in returning to the Fisheries Department, Perth, any aluminium band found on the leg of any duck, with information as to the species of the duck and the approximate locality where the duck was taken, would be appreciated.