

OPEN SEASON FOR WILD DUCKS

The open season for wild ducks throughout the State commenced at 5 a.m. on Sunday, December 20. In 1952 there were two opening times, 5 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding Christmas Day in the South-West and 5 a.m. on the following day in the balance of the State. There has been discontent, particularly in the Busselton-Capel district, in regard to the altered time, it being held that shooters have not the same opportunity of making good kills when the opening occurs in the morning.

In the following areas there is no open season. These have been maintained as sanctuaries.

- (a) The whole of the area within a radius of twenty miles of the General Post Office, Perth.
- (b) All municipalities and townsites in the South-West Land Division.
- (c) The whole of the Rockingham Road District.
- (d) The whole of the waters of Lakes Leschenaultia, Yealering and Seppings, and Bambun, Wagin, Nambung, Mungala, Nannerup and Wardering Lakes, and all land within twenty chains of their shores.
- (e) The whole of the waters of Leschenault, Vasse and Wonnerup Estuaries and all land within twenty chains of their shores.
- (f) The whole of the waters of the Vasse, King and Kalgan Rivers, and all land within twenty chains of their banks.
- (g) All that portion of the Capel River between the Capel and Stirling Bridges and all land within twenty chains of the river bank.
- (h) The whole of the waters of Oyster Harbour and Princess Royal Harbour and all land within a radius of twenty chains of their shores.
- (i) The whole of the area of the Yanchep Caves Reserve.
- (j) The whole of the Harvey Catchment area.
- (k) The whole of the area within a radius of two miles of the Mandurah Post Office.