

and geese.

Flight four from Perth to Mandurah along the Serpentine River, Harvey Estuary, Lake Clifton, Lake Preston, Benger Swamp, Wannerup and Vasse Estuary, Katanning Lakes, Lake Muir, Walpole, Broke Inlet and other surrounding wetlands, showed concentrated groups of waterfowl which indicates that the main breeding season is not yet completed. Many of the far southern lakes have very few waterfowl present indicating that the water conditions further north are still holding.

The aerial survey has shown that in general an exceptional breeding season has occurred throughout the surveyed areas. Many waterfowl are still rearing broods of varying ages and local residents report that freshly hatched ducklings have been sighted in their areas. Swans are still rearing their cygnets which range in age from 1-2 weeks to the flying stages. It takes 122 days for a young swan to develop to the flying stage and, therefore, many swans will not be capable of flight until late summer. The water situation is excellent in all areas and shooters can expect an excellent season.

DUCK SHOOTING SEASON

The opening date for this season's duck shoot has not yet been decided but is likely to be sometime in January. No duck shooter's license will be necessary for this season but it is almost certain that they will be required for the following season.

The duck shooter's guide will be available to wardens, inspectors and other interested parties immediately the opening date has been announced.