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CLOSE SEASON FOR BIRDS

27th April

Asks for statement regarding:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute from the Governor d 27th April 1922 — Encl ①

Y.B. Submitted

2. Before this goes on to the Govt. Naturalist I send the connected rept. for Y.B. information.

3. Y.B. will observe that in the 1905 Ord. the close time was 1st September — 31st January (ref 396/1906)

(2) That this was altered to 1st October — 28th February in 19123 through Mr. Allen asked that the season should not open until 1st April as he found on the 28th Feb. a young bird that could only fly a yard or two (ref 10/1912).

Subsequent Paper.

TTTTT 1/5/22

H.C.S.

Thank you: paper to p or to Gen. Kinnear
who may see dignitas of dispatch to or from
Suff which we plea as follows: As I have not
been able to find any information which will
help materially in determining close season: then
shows Mr. Will. Ault's information as to
nesting season.

H.C.S.

2 May 1822

Genl. Kinnear,

Accor. to

H.C.S. 2 May 1822

Hon. Col. Sec.

I beg to apologise for my ^{neglect} delay in this matter.

2. At present I am unable to make any definite
statement because there is no little definite knowledge
of the habits of the local wild birds.

3. There is the possibility that some, or even all, of
the "game" birds lay and hatch a second clutch
of eggs each season, that they are "double-brooded"
species.

4. It is certain that the teal at least ^{frequently} lays long
before the beginning of the close season.

5. The present Ordinance appears to err, if
at all, on the side of safety, as regards its termination
I would submit that a margin of that sort is desirable
until definite information is acquired. The British
Birds have been studied by so many enthusiasts for so long
that almost every detail of their lives is known, but that is not
so here. I shall report if further evidence appears. ^{Hamilton}

Y.
Hamilton

ttttt 30/10/22

H.P.S.

I have spoken to Mr. Hamilton
on the subject & he will endeavour to
obtain birds during nesting season.

2 B.U. 15th January 1923 for further
repor.

H.S.
31.10.22.

Y.
30 Oct 1922

For: Naturalist

Accordingly

ttttt 15/2/23

Hon. Col. Sec.

At the end of February of this year
I observed Teal of two species, Wigeon and
Black-necked Swans with young still
in the down or only partly feathered.

2. I was not able to make any direct
observations on Snipe, but the avail-
able evidence leads me to the opinion
that this species is almost certainly
double-brooded. It begins
to lay early in the season, but the
second brood is naturally much later.

3. Having regard to these considerations
I would submit that the present
close season for birds should
not be altered.

Y.H.
2 May 1923

J.H. Hamilton.
For: Naturalist

2/5/23

DATE.....



From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

Will the Govt Naturalist please examine papers in connection with Ordinance No 1 of 1913 (and the ordinance which that ordinance is stated to amend) and prepare a note showing why it was decided that close season for birds should be from 1st October to end of February.

2. Will he also advise whether there would be any objection to close season for snipe terminating on 15th February. It has been represented to me that weather in April + May is frequently so bad as to interfere greatly with shooting of snipe.

Yrs.

27 April 1922