

Game Laws

AFTER a meeting recently of the Game Commissioners of this county, the following summary of the principal game laws governing shooting was given out by Mr. Leonard Tufts, Chairman, which will be of interest and guidance to hunters in this county:

The law prohibits the use of any automatic or pump gun or gun larger than 10-gauge.

It prohibits shooting from an automobile, use of a jack light or use of poison.

It is unlawful to bait up land birds and the following shall not be shot between sunset and sunup—deer, rabbits, squirrels, turkeys, partridge, dove, ducks or shore birds. Field trials may be run at any time.

The open season for deer is November 1 to 15; squirrels from October 15 to January 15, with a bag limit of five a day; rabbits from November 25 to March 1; partridge and turkeys and doves from November 25 to March 1, with bag limit of three wild turkeys a year, ten partridge or quail a day; foxes from September 1 to March 1.

The license charge for a resident is \$1.25; non-resident \$15.25. Whoever takes out a license has to swear to obey the game laws of the county.

Residents and minor children may hunt on their own ground without a license. Minors may hunt if they have their parents license or are accompanied by their parents.

Residents may ship inside the state, and non-residents may ship in or out of the state during the season, but they may not ship over two (2) wild turkeys or over two days' bag limit in one week. The package shipped, however, must be marked outside with the name and address of the shipper and consignee and give a list of the number and kinds of game enclosed. Common carriers may not accept shipments unless shown the shipper's license.

For the carrying out of the provisions of this law, game wardens and deputies are to be appointed by the Game Commission and sheriffs, deputies and constables are made *ex officio* game wardens. The wardens, deputies and *ex officio* deputies are to receive \$10.00 for any and every conviction, the money to be paid by the defendant.

Penalties are to vary from \$10 to \$500, or imprisonment for not over six months, or both.

The money received for licenses is to be used for the protection of game only.

The Game Commission has the right, after a hearing, to shorten any open season, and they may order killed animals or birds that are injurious to agriculture.

At their recent meeting names were suggested for wardens and deputies, but the Commission has not heard as yet whether or not these gentlemen will accept.

It was decided to print a summary of the law on the license and to have some sort of tag that could be readily seen for the hunter to sew onto his coat.

The Game Commission has decided to offer \$.25 apiece for the heads of all hawks and owls, with the exception of the screech owls. A No. 0 ordinary jump trap set on top of a pole in a small field will catch many hawks and owls and we believe that the killing of these will not only be of great assistance to the game but will reduce the loss of many chickens and turkeys by the farmers. Any of the wardens or deputies are instructed to give an order on the County Treasurer for \$.25 to any one delivering the head of any hawk or owl as above described.



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