

Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby suspend the operation of section ten of the said Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1910, for the period commencing on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and ending on the thirty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, with respect to the species of birds indigenous to New Zealand mentioned in the Schedule hereto; and, with the like advice and consent, doth declare that such suspension shall be subject to the provisions contained in the Warrants in respect of the shooting season in each acclimatization district.

SCHEDULE.

PUKEKO, teal, grey duck, spoonbill duck, and black swan.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Notice.—Animals Protection Acts.—Protection of Native Birds.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 27th March, 1919.

THE public are earnestly requested to assist in preserving for posterity the native birds of New Zealand.

Under the Animals Protection Amendment Act of 1910 all indigenous birds are protected. Every person who destroys or injures or captures any bird which is indigenous to New Zealand, including the outlying islands, or robs or destroys the nest of any such bird, is liable to a fine not exceeding £20. It is also illegal to keep native birds in captivity or to export the birds or their skins or feathers without the authority of the Minister of Internal Affairs.

NATIVE GAME.

Native game can only be shot during the open season, and then only such kinds of native game as are specified in the Annual Shooting-season Warrants.

CLOSE SEASON.

Under the Animals Protection Act, the year 1919 and every third year thereafter is a close season for both imported and native game.

BIRDS NOT PROTECTED.

By a notification published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, protection has been removed for the period ending 31st December, 1919, from hawks of all species, the kea, or mountain parrot, and from shags of the following species, namely: Black shag, white-throated shag, sea shag.

NATIVE GAME PROTECTED IN CLOSE SEASONS.

Black stilt plover, black swan, curlew, doterel, godwit, native pigeon, pied stilt plover, pukeko, teal, wild duck, wild goose.

INDIGENOUS BIRDS ABSOLUTELY PROTECTED.

Kiwis of all species, New Zealand quail and Chatham Island pigeon, rails and woodhens of all species, dabchick and grebe. Sea birds of all species, including penguins, petrels, storm petrels, shearwaters, fulmars, diving-petrels, albatross, terns, gulls, skuas, noddies, and shags (with exceptions noted above); also gannets, frigate-birds, and tropic birds. Wading-birds of all species, including turnstones, oyster-catchers, plovers, wry-bill plovers, avocets, sand-pipers, knots, snipe, herons, night-herons, reef-herons, and bitterns. Owls and parakeets of all species, and the kaka and kakapo, kingfisher, shining cuckoo, and long-tailed cuckoo. Rifleman and wrens of all species, tom-tits, warblers, robins, fantails, whiteheads, yellowheads, and fern-birds of all species. North and South Island thrushes and crows, creepers, stitch-birds, makomako, tui, silver-eye, pipit or native lark, huia, and saddleback. Blue mountain duck and Auckland Island duck. Southern merganser, moho (or takahe).

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

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