

Province about the last week in August and remain about the bays and rivers as late in the fall as the climatic conditions permit. Since all spring shooting has been prohibited in many of the Atlantic States, they appear to have vastly increased in numbers.

Brant These beautiful and valuable birds are often very numerous along our coasts, harbours and large rivers. Brant, in their migration northward, arrive in Charlottetown about the tenth of April and remain until the tenth of June, when they resume their flight to the Arctic zone. In the fall, they arrive about the fifth of October and remain until the severity of the weather warns them to start for their winter quarters in the Carolinas. They appear to be exceedingly shy and will not approach the land as the wild geese do. They are becoming more numerous since spring shooting was prohibited in the Atlantic States.

Black Duck The black duck is by far the largest, most numerous and most valuable of the ducks which breed on, or visit, the Island. They are well distributed throughout the Province and have greatly increased in numbers during the last five years, in consequence of the better protection they have been accorded. Experiment has demonstrated that they are easily attracted to, and retained in, any ponds or marshes, by simply sowing therein wild rice, which they eagerly devour.

Other Ducks A great many species of the duck family visit the Province in their migrations. A number also breed on the Island. The chief species are as follows:

Goosander, Red-breasted Merganser, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Pintail, American Scaup, Lesser Scaup, American Golden-eye, Barrow's Golden-eye, Bufflehead, Cockawie, Scoter, White-winged Scoter, and Sea Coot.

Rabbits Owing to the long open season when so many of them are shot or snared and, also, on account of winters with which they have to contend, these animals have not increased in numbers. From present appearances, if something is not done to conserve them they will become extinct.

Open Seasons For Game Partridge, from October 1st to November 30th. All wild ducks, from August 20th to December 31st. Woodcock and snipe, from September 1st to December 31st. Wild geese, from September 15th to May 10th. Brant, from October 1st to June 10th. Curlew and plover, from July 15th to December 31st. Rabbits, from September 1st to February 28th.