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TRUMPETER SWANS NOW
PROTECTED COMPLETELY IN U. S.

Trumpeter swans, very few of which are in existence, will be given complete protection in the United States, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Not even will Federal permits be issued for taking them for scientific purposes. Along with whooping cranes they have been completely excepted from the list of migratory birds which may be taken under such permission. By action of the Acting Secretary of Agriculture on November 12, 1924, approving a recommendation of the Biological Survey, trumpeter swans were included with whooping cranes, which were similarly protected by the department in 1922. Neither of these two species may be taken in the United States for any purpose. Complete protection is also afforded both species in Canada.

Under the provisions of the treaty with Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, certain birds, including swans, are given continuous protection through a closed season for a period of at least 10 years following the going into effect of the treaty. Provision was also made in the treaty whereby all protected species should be taken under proper permit for strictly scientific purposes.

So far as known there are but very few trumpeter swans in existence, and it was deemed advisable, in order to prevent the complete extermination of the species, to afford them absolute protection by removing them from the list of migratory birds that may be taken under scientific permits, as was previously done with the whooping cranes.