

# Duck season to go ahead

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DATES for next year's duck-hunting season were announced amid cries for the sport to be outlawed yesterday.

The season opens March 19 and closes June 13, by which time shooters will have killed at least 300,000 birds.

"While conditions for waterfowl have improved from last year, the total game bird population across the state remains low," Environment Minister John Thwaites said.

Coalition Against Duck

Shooting spokesman Laurie Levy said stunts, including flying over wetlands and scaring ducks with drums and loud music, will save some birds.

"You've got protected and threatened species being shot by accident. It's barbaric, so many of these birds are injured and maimed during the shoot," he said.

Field and Game Australia chief executive Rod Drew said duck hunting was a cultural tradition.

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