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The W. C. Goose Hunting Club will be in operation again during the coming season. Walter Corliss is the operator of the club and he promises top goose and duck hunting leases in the Lissie area. Corliss offers half day or all day hunting at very reasonable prices. He also has facilities for mobile homes and campers.

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Three-zones dove hunting considered for 83

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is considering some major changes in Texas mourning dove hunting regulations beginning with the 1983-84 season.

If these changes are approved as proposed, three mourning dove hunting zones would be established in place of the current two-zone system. These changes have been proposed in order to: (1) provide hunting opportunities when doves are available; (2) reduce the number of immature doves in the hunter's bag; (3) establish easily recognized zone boundaries; (4) simplify regulations by restricting wing-retention requirements for dressed doves to only one hunting zone; (5) simplify regulations by restricting white-winged dove hunting to only one mourning dove hunting zone; and, (6) take advantage of special options provided under federal regulations.

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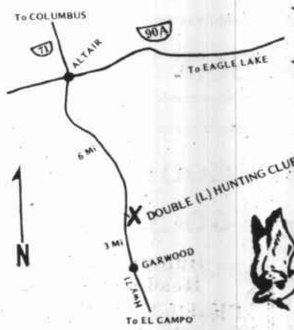

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Deer hunt prospects looking good

Deer hunters can expect a good season this fall, according to field reports from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologists.

Deer hunting is big business in Texas, with about 500,000 hunters taking to the field to harvest more than 300,000 deer annually. The tremendous sums of money spent by hunters on hunting leases, equipment and related expenses causes the deer season to have a significant economic impact on many regions of the state, especially the Edwards Plateau and South Texas, department officials said.

Optimistic forecasts for the upcoming season, which opens Nov. 13 in most counties, are based primarily on better than average rainfall in late winter and spring of 1982, making possible a good fawn crop and survival.

The statewide outlook is fairly rosy overall, despite a hot, dry summer which has caused deterioration of range conditions in some areas. The dry conditions, if continued through the early portion of the hunting season, could benefit hunters by causing deer to move more to find food.

Deer surveys completed in September indicated increased deer populations in many areas of the state. Antler development was observed as about average or slightly above last year, but the body condition of deer in some of the drier regions may be below par by the season opener.

Department officials said that in view of the dry range conditions and relatively high deer populations, landowners and hunters are encouraged to utilize all the antlerless deer permits to which they are entitled. Dates and locations for obtaining the permits will be announced within two weeks.

The following is a brief review of deer hunting prospects for the major ecological zones of the state:

Possum Kingdom - Deer numbers are up because of good fawn crop. Deer body condition remains good, but deteriorating because of drought. Antler development appears good. Deer are expected to be moving to find food, which should enhance the harvest.

Edwards Plateau - Deer numbers higher than last year. The fawn crop was about average, as is antler development. Body condition only fair because of dry weather. A fair to poor acorn crop is expected, and deer are expected to be moving during the daylight hours, creating better hunting. Adequate antlerless deer harvest is vital in many areas of the Edwards Plateau which contain high populations.

South Texas - Deer numbers are on a two-year increase, resulting from an excellent fawn crop in 1981 followed by an average crop in 1982. Good range conditions which held up through the winter and spring should allow good antler development. A better than average harvest is expected if dry conditions persist. In most

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1981 waterfowl stamps offered

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced that their remaining stock of 1981 state waterfowl stamps are now on sale at face value.

Officials said a minimum purchase of two books of the $5 stamps will be required. Each book contains 10 stamps for a total price of $100.

The stamps will be available for sale until January 31, 1983, when the unsold stamps will be destroyed. Send check or money order to the department at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

Sales of the 1981 stamp, plus sales of reproductions of the stamp art, earned more than $1.4 million for the department's waterfowl programs. Most of the funds so derived will be devoted to waterfowl habitat acquisition, lease and development.

The $5 stamp and a valid hunting license are required for hunting waterfowl in Texas. The 1982-83 stamps may be purchased at department offices across the state or at hunting license outlets.

Federal law also requires waterfowl hunters to have a federal waterfowl stamp, which may be purchased at post offices.

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