

the eggs of any wild bird, or have such nest or eggs, in his or their possession, except as permitted by this sub-title.

27. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons or any corporation acting as a common carrier, its officers, agents or servants, to ship, carry, take or transport, either within or beyond the confines of the State, any resident or migratory wild non-game bird, except as permitted by this sub-title.

28. Sections 24-27 shall not apply to any person holding a certificate giving the right to take birds, their nest or eggs for strictly scientific purposes, as provided for in Section 29, nor shall it prevent any householder from keeping any resident or migratory birds in cages as pets, provided they are not kept for sale, barter or exchange, and that they shall not be shipped beyond the confines of the State.

29. Certificates may be granted by the Game Warden to any properly accredited person of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, permitting the holder thereof to collect birds, their nests or eggs, for strictly scientific purposes only. In order to obtain such certificate the applicant for the same must present to the Game Warden written testimonials from two well-known ornithologists, certifying to the good character and fitness of said applicant to be entrusted with such privilege, and must pay to said officer One Dollar (\$1.00) to defray the necessary expenses attending the granting of such certificate, the balance to be paid to the State Game Protection Fund. On proof that the holder of such certificate has captured, or killed any bird, or taken the nest or eggs of any bird for other than scientific purposes, the certificate shall become void.

(a) The certificates authorized by this Section shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year issued, and shall not be transferable.

29 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Any person convicted before any Justice of the Peace of this State for violating any of the provisions of this sub-title shall be fined not less than Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in the discretion of the Justice of the Peace and costs for each and every offense.