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The State Audubon Society was organized by a department of the Women's Club of Keokuk, April 5, 1898. The officers elected were Mrs. D. A. Collier, President; Mrs. George Ehinger, Vice-President; Mrs. T. R. Board, Recording Secretary; Mrs. James B. Diver, Mrs. Lillian Felt, Directors. Articles of incorporation were drawn August 11, 1898.

The work was carried on successfully for six years when it was deemed advisable to change the headquarters in order to distribute the work more generally over the State.

While the club women, with the assistance of the business men of Keokuk, have the honor of founding the State organization, the first local Audubon Society of Iowa was organized nearly one year previous, June 7, 1897, by Miss Jane Hamand, of Schaler. This was a flourishing club, its leader proving an efficient worker in the cause.

In 1904, headquarters were established in Waterloo. Since that date, yearly reports have been sent to the National Association Headquarters, 141 Broadway, New York City. The president, Mr. William Dutcher and his co-workers have kindly responded to every call from the State society, both money and literature having been contributed by them.

Excellent educational work is being carried on in Iowa; by our schools, our newspapers, club women, business men and the various Out-Door, Bird and Nature Study Clubs.

The teachers in our schools are endeavoring to instill the love of birds and nature into the minds of the young. Bird day, in connection with Arbor day, is being observed quite generally, and a little time each week is devoted to the economic and aesthetic study of bird life.

A carefully prepared list of the more common birds of Iowa has been contributed to the Audubon Society, by Professor Charles R. Keyes, of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Professor Keyes represents our State on the advisory council of Bird Lore, and has given much valuable information pertaining to bird life in this region.

We hope to secure recognition for the birds at our State Agricultural College at Ames, where the value of birds to vegetation should be taught.

Our newspapers have published much valuable information regarding bird life, and gladly lend their aid in securing the passage and enforcement of laws to protect birds. The federated club women of the State, led by their chief executive are interesting themselves in the work. The president of the Audubon Society, Mrs. W. B. Small, 206 Iowa street, Waterloo, Iowa, is a member of the Standing Committee on Conservation, of which Miss Maime Weller, of Nashua, an enthusiastic nature student and bird lover, is Chairman.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Audubon Society, Dr. Margaret Clark, who is also a member of the Public Health Committee of the State and General Federations, cheerfully responds to the many invitations from schools, public libraries and clubs, to speak in behalf of the birds. The club women of Keokuk who founded the State Audubon Society have become interested in the Bird and Tree Band which has for its motto, "Save the birds or lose your trees." The Tree Band, under the leadership of Mr. John Davey, Kent, Ohio, is giving illustrated lectures, to show that we must preserve the song birds, to save all vegetation from the inroads of injurious insects, also the need of exterminating the English sparrow, which, he claims, is killing and driving out our native birds.

Miss Jane Hamand, of Schaler, presented the Audubon Society with sixty beautiful slides accompanied by a bird lecture prepared by Edward D. Clark,

of Washington, D. C.; also several hundred leaflets on the subject of birds. The lecture and slides are freely offered for use in any locality of the State, the only stipulation being that the shipping expenses be paid by the society making application for its use.

Mr. John A. Spurrell, President of the Audubon Society at Wall Lake, Ia., has rendered valuable service to the society by watching and keeping in touch with the legislation at Des Moines, so that the existing laws for the protection of birds may not be repealed or amended. He is also endeavoring to secure the passage of a law to protect game birds during the nesting season. This worthy cause should receive the support of all true sportsmen and legislators.

We have in Iowa, a law prohibiting the sale of certain species of game birds, which has been of great value in protecting them. Before the passage of the law, which was accomplished in 1909, hunters made a business of killing for the market; the result of one day's shooting often amounting to several hundred birds. Under the provisions of the act, hotel men cannot serve ducks on the bill-of-fare and charge for them; several have tried the experiment and have been convicted.

The laws to protect the non-game birds of Iowa are openly violated by women of fashion, who wear bird plumage and by milliners who persist in selling this ornamentation; both classes are equally guilty of misdemeanor. Since we have this humane law and the penalty for the sale of plumage has been specified, it remains for the women of Iowa to assist the milliners in observing instead of breaking the law.

With few exceptions, all wild non-game birds, the mourning dove included, are protected by law in the State of Iowa.

The law imposes a fine of \$5.00, or imprisonment for thirty days, for each offense; such as killing a wild bird, destruction of nest or set of eggs, *the sale transportation or shipping* within or without the State of *any part* of the *plumage*, skin or body of non-game birds killed within or without the State. The passage of the Model Law by the Thirty-first General Assembly is an achievement of which we are justly proud. It has been suggested by Mr. Spurrell that our State Game Warden, Mr. Geo. W. Lincoln, of Cedar Rapids, be empowered to secure special deputies to enforce this law, particularly the section regarding the sale of plumage. The growth of the Iowa State Society has been slow but substantial. Information regarding its work is gladly given by the president and secretary. Literature is sent to all who wish to become members or on receipt of postage.

Our pledge reads as follows:

I hereby pledge myself to refrain from wearing the plumage of birds other than game birds, domesticated fowls or the ostrich; to discourage the destruction of wild birds and their eggs; to encourage the study of birds and nature in schools.

Situated in the Mississippi Valley, which is the greatest pathway in all the world for the migration of birds, Iowa with her rivers and lakes, rolling prairies and timber land, is an ideal spot for the nesting of birds. Every spring day brings an army of feathered travelers from the South. As the birds pass our way they investigate our gardens, orchards, fields and shrubbery looking for secluded spots in old trees, vines, tall grasses and shrubs in which to build their nests and rear their young. Every farm and fence row which is usually barren of trees and shrubs as an open field should be planted with hedges of thorn trees, elderberry, wild roses, sumac, lilac and willows. Certain trees, vines and shrubs more than others are sought by birds, for nesting. Scientific farmers and gardeners are planting mulberry trees, shadbush and Juneberry as counter attractions to strawberry beds and fruit trees.

In the hands of civilization our birds are decreasing at an alarming rate and the increase of insect life has been correspondingly large. With the entire extinction of bird life it would only be a question of a few years when the world would be stripped of all vegetation. Nature keeps the balance between bird life and insect life; destroy that balance and all the compounds manufactured by man for the destruction of insect pests will be of no avail. The cleaning up of all land and under-brush, cutting out old trees, and burning

dead grasses during the nesting season, are all factors in the destruction of bird life. This together with the unrestricted use of the air guns and shot guns by boys and men, and the demand for plumage of birds for milliner ornaments are the direct causes of the extinction of many valuable species of birds. Each bird has its appointed task, not one can be spared. The economic side of the question is imperative and from the aesthetic point of view, we need the birds to add to the world's beauty and gladness.

We solicit aid and co-operation in the protection of our native birds and the enforcement of bird laws. Financial assistance is necessary in order to carry on the work at headquarters where literature is distributed and information regarding State and National work is freely given.

Educational leaflets and literature are sent to all who make request and wish to become members. When needed in large quantities for distribution, postage and express should be prepaid.

Valuable pamphlets can be secured free from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The various clubs over the State should affiliate with the State society by taking out an annual or associate membership through one of its members who has been delegated to look after the Audubon work in his or her locality.

The individual membership fee is small: adults, twenty-five cents and juniors, five cents, with no annual dues unless there is a desire to become an active or associate member.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Junior members	.05	} No annual dues.
Regular members	\$.25	
Active or associate members—(per annum)	1.00	
Life membership	25.00	

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, desiring to avail ourselves of the privileges conferred by Chapter 2, Title 9 of the Code of 1897 and of the amendments thereto do hereby associate ourselves and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. The name of this corporation is the Audubon Society of the State of Iowa and its principal place of business is in the city of Keokuk, County of Lee and State of Iowa.

ART. 2. The time of the commencement of this corporation shall be the fifth day of August, A. D. 1898, and it shall continue for the period of fifty years unless sooner dissolved by three-fourths vote of all the members of same.

ART. 3. The general nature and objects of this corporation shall be, first, the discouragement of the purchase and use of the feathers and plumage of any birds for ornamentation except those of the ostrich and domesticated fowls. Second, to discourage the destruction of wild birds and their eggs. Third, to establish Bird day exercises in the schools of the State of Iowa in connection with the celebration of Arbor day, and to encourage the introduction of bird study in schools. Fourth, the dissemination of information respecting the economic value of birds to agriculture and their importance to the welfare of man.

ART. 4. The annual meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held on the second Tuesday in March of each and every year. Special meetings may be called by the President and Secretary at any time at the request of the directors.

ART. 5. This corporation may have a corporate seal, alterable at pleasure, may adopt such by-laws as may be deemed necessary, and may take by gift, devise, purchase or bequest any real or personal property for purposes appropriate to its creation.

ART. 6. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected from the members of the Board of Directors and shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members who shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified and who shall direct

and manage the affairs of the corporation, and a majority of such Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Until the annual meeting of the corporation in 1899 the Board of Directors shall consist of Mrs. D. A. Collier, Mrs. Geo. Ehinger, Mrs. T. R. Board, Mrs. Clara Ruddick, Mrs. James B. Diver, Mrs. J. A. Scroggs, Mrs. M. H. Hedges, Mrs. Lillian Felt, Miss Ada Read, of whom Mrs. D. A. Collier shall be President, Mrs. Geo. Ehinger, Vice-President, Mrs. T. R. Board, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. Clara Ruddick, Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 7. Members of this corporation, in their private capacity, shall be exempt from any and all the liability for the debts of the corporation.

ART. 8. These Articles may be amended at any meeting of the society upon a resolution adopted by two-thirds vote of the members present except Article Seven which can be amended only by the unanimous vote of all the members of the corporation.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this 6th day of August, A. D. 1898.

MRS. LILLIAN E. FELT.	MRS. G. E. EHINGER.
MISS ADA READ,	MRS. T. R. BOARD.
MRS. J. A. SCROGGS.	MRS. CLARA RUDDICK,
MRS. D. A. COLLIER.	MRS. JAMES B. DIVER.

STATE OF IOWA, }
County of Lee } ss.

On this sixth day of August, A. D. 1898, personally appeared before me, Hazen I. Sawyer, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the following persons, Mrs. D. A. Collier, Mrs. G. E. Ehinger, Mrs. T. R. Board, Mrs. Clara Ruddick, Mrs. James B. Diver, Mrs. Lillian E. Felt, Miss Ada Read and Mrs. J. A. Scroggs, who are personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are subscribed to the following Articles of Incorporation as incorporators and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes above written.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal Notarial the day and year last above written.

HAZEN I. SAWYER, Notary Public.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Revised, Waterloo, 1906)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be THE AUDUBON SOCIETY of the State of Iowa.

ARTICLE II.

Aim and Principles.

(a.) To discourage the purchase or use of feathers of any birds for ornamentation, except those of the ostrich and domestic fowls.

(b.) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their eggs.

(c.) To establish Bird day exercises in the schools of the State of Iowa, in connection with the celebration of Arbor day, and to encourage the introduction of bird-study in the schools.

(d.) To disseminate information respecting the economic value of birds to agriculture and their importance to the welfare of man.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Chairman Executive Committee, Chairman Advisory Board, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected from the members of the society and shall hold office for a term of one year, and until the successors are elected and qualified. At least one officer shall

always be a resident of the City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. Such officers shall perform the duties usually belonging to their respective offices.

ARTICLE IV.

Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of five members, Chairman Executive Committee, Chairman Advisory Board, President, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Audubon Society as elected at the annual business meeting.

The Executive Committee shall direct, manage and supervise the affairs of the society and a majority of the same shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings.

ARTICLE V.

Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board shall consist of any number of members of the society who shall have been elected for that purpose, at the annual business meeting. All members of the Advisory Board shall have the power to vote at any business meeting of the society, and may be called upon to act as substitute for members of executive committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.

Section 1. The regular annual business meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in September.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be held at any time on call of the President or Secretary, at the request of the Executive Committee or Advisory Board. At least ten days' notice shall be given to each auxiliary association by the Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.

Auxiliary Associations.

Section 1. Any three or more residents of any city, town or township, in the State of Iowa, may become an auxiliary of the AUDUBON SOCIETY of the State of Iowa by making written application to its President or Secretary, and the approving of such application by the Executive Committee.

Each member of an auxiliary association shall first become a member of the State AUDUBON SOCIETY by payment of the regular membership fee.

Sec. 2. Such auxiliary associations may adopt such by-laws as may not be inconsistent with the articles of incorporation or the by-laws of this society.

Sec. 3. At least thirty days prior to the annual meeting, each auxiliary association shall elect three delegates to represent such association at the annual meeting of the society.

Sec. 4. Each auxiliary association shall provide what initiation fees and annual dues shall be paid for membership in such association.

Sec. 5. Local secretaries may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the State Society to carry on the work where auxiliary associations cannot be organized.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular business meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

Rules.

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the society and auxiliary associations, in all matters not herein provided for.

ARTICLE X.

Membership.

Adults may become members of this society by paying 25 cents; children by paying 5 cents each, but we earnestly solicit adults to become either active or sustaining members and pay \$1.00 per annum dues, as the progress and efficiency of the society largely depends upon sufficient revenue to properly carry forward the work.

Life membership, \$25.00.

212 COMMON BIRDS OF IOWA

List Prepared for the Society by Professor Charles R. Keyes, Mt. Vernon, Iowa

R—Residents; Sr—Summer Residents; Wr—Winter Residents; M—Migrants.

The numbers preceding name of species are those of the American Ornithologist Union.

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| 3. Horned Grebe, Sr. | 263. Spotted Sandpiper; Teeter-tail, Sr. | 463. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, M. | 621. Northern Shrike, Wr. |
| 4. Am. Eared Grebe, Sr. | 272. Golden Plover, M. | 465. Green-crested Flycatcher; Aca-
dian Flycatcher, Sr. | 622. (a) White-rumped Shrike; But-
cher Bird, Sr. |
| 6. Pied-billed Grebe; Hell Diver, Sr. | 273. Killdeer, Sr. | 466. (a) Alder Flycatcher, Sr. | 624. Red-eyed Vireo, Sr. |
| 7. Loon, M. | 289. Bob-white; Quail, R. | 467. Least Flycatcher, Mr. | 627. Warbling Vireo, Sr. |
| 51. Herring Gull, M. | 300. Ruffed Grouse; Pheasant, R. | 474. (b) Prairie Horned Lark, Sr. | 628. Yellow-throated Vireo, Sr. |
| 77. Black Tern, Sr. | 305. Prairie Hen; Prairie Chicken, R. | 477. Blue Jay, R. | 633. Bell's Vireo, Sr. |
| 120. Double-crested Cormorant, M. | 316. Mourning Dove; Turtle Dove, Sr. | 488. Am. Crow, R. | 636. Black and White Warbler, M. |
| 121. Am. White Pelican, M. | 325. Turkey Vulture; Turkey Buz-
zard, Sr. | 494. Bobolink, Sr. | 637. Prothonotary Warbler, Sr. |
| 129. Am. Merganser, M. | 327. Swallow-tailed Kite, Sr. | 495. Cowbird, Sr. | 641. Blue-winged Warbler, Sr. |
| 131. Hooded Merganser, Sr. | 331. March Hawk, Sr. | 497. Yellow-headed Blackbird, Sr. | 642. Golden-winged Warbler, M. |
| 135. Gadwall, M. | 332. Sharp-shinned Hawk, Sr. | 498. Red-winged Blackbird; Swamp
Blackbird, Sr. | 645. Nashville Warbler, M. |
| 137. Baldpate, M. | 333. Cooper's Hawk, Sr. | 501. Meadowlark, Sr. | 646. Orange-crowned Warbler, M. |
| 139. Green-winged Teal, M. | 337. Red-tailed Hawk, R. | 501. (b) Western Meadowlark, Sr. | 647. Tennessee Warbler, M. |
| 140. Blue-winged Teal, Sr. | 339. Red-shouldered Hawk, Sr. | 506. Orchard Oriole, Sr. | 648. Parula Warbler, M. |
| 142. Shoveller; Spoon-bill, M. | 342. Swainson's Hawk, Sr. | 507. Baltimore Oriole, Sr. | 650. Cape May Warbler, M. |
| 143. Pintail; Sprigtail, M. | 347. (a) Am. Rough-legged Hawk,
Wr. | 509. Rusty Blackbird, M. | 652. Yellow Warbler, Sr. |
| 144. Wood Duck, Sr. | 349. Golden Eagle, Wr. | 511. (b) Bronzed Grackle; Crow-
Blackbird, Sr. | 654. Black-throated Blue Warbler, M. |
| 146. Redhead, M. | 352. Bald Eagle, R. | 514. Evening Grosbeck, Wr. | 655. Myrtle Warbler, M. |
| 147. Canvas-back, M. | 357. Pigeon Hawk, M. | 517. Purple Finch, M. | 657. Magnolia Warbler, M. |
| 148. Am. Scaup Duck; Big blue-bill,
M. | 360. Am. Sparrow Hawk, Sr. | 521. Am. Crossbill; Red Crossbill, Wr. | 658. Cerulean Warbler, Sr. |
| 149. Lesser Scaup Duck; Little Blue-
bill, M. | 364. Am. Osprey, Sr. | 528. Redpoll; Redpoll Linnet, Wr. | 659. Chestnut-sided Warbler, Sr. |
| 150. Ring-necked Duck, M. | 365. Am. Barn Owl, Sr. | 529. Am. Goldfinch; Wild Cherry, R. | 660. Bay-breasted Warbler, M. |
| 151. Am. Golden-eye; Whistler, M. | 366. Am. Long-eared Owl, R. | 533. Pine Siskin, M. | 661. Black-poll Warbler, M. |
| 153. Buffle-head; Butterball, M. | 367. Short-eared Owl, R. | 534. Snowflake; Snow Bunting, Wr. | 662. Blackburnian Warbler, M. |
| 169. Lesser Snow Goose, M. | 368. Barred Owl, R. | 536. Lapland Longspur, Wr. | 667. Black-throated Green Warbler,
M. |
| 171. (a) Am. White-fronted Goose,
M. | 372. Saw-whet Owl, R. | 537. Smith's Longspur, Wr. | 671. Pine Warbler, M. |
| 172. (a) Hutchins Goose, M. | 373. Screech Owl, R. | 540. Vesper Sparrow, Sr. | 672. Palm Warbler, M. |
| 180. Whistling Swan, M. | 375. Great Horned Owl; Hoot Owl, R. | 542. (a) Savanna Sparrow, Sr. | 674. Ovenbird, Sr. |
| 181. Trumpeter Swan, M. | 376. Snowy Owl, White Owl, Wr. | 546. Grasshopper Sparrow, Sr. | 676. Louisiana Waterthrush, Sr. |
| 190. Am. Bittern, Sr. | 387. Yellow-billed Cuckoo; Rain
Crow, Sr. | 547. Henslow's Sparrow, Sr. | 678. Connecticut Warbler, M. |
| 191. Least Bittern, Sr. | 388. Black-billed Cuckoo; Rain
Crow, Sr. | 552. Lark Sparrow; Lark Finch, Sr. | 679. Mourning Warbler, M. |
| 194. Gt. Blue Heron, Sr. | 390. Belted Kingfisher, Sr. | 553. Harriss' Sparrow, M. | 681. (d) Northern Yellowthroat, Sr. |
| 201. Green Heron, Sr. | 393. Hairy Woodpecker; Large Sap-
sucker, R. | 554. White-crowned Sparrow, M. | 683. Yellow-breasted Chat., Sr. |
| 202. Black-crowned High Heron, Sr. | 394. Downy Woodpecker; Little Sap-
sucker, R. | 558. White-throated Sparrow, M. | 685. Wilson's Warbler, M. |
| 204. Whooping Crane, M. | 402. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Sr. | 559. Tree Sparrow; Winter Chippy,
Wr. | 686. Canadian Warbler, M. |
| 206. Sandhill Crane, Sr. | 406. Red-headed Woodpecker, R. | 560. Shippins Sparrow, Sr. | 687. Am. Redstart, Sr. |
| 208. King Rail, Sr. | 409. Red-bellied Woodpecker, R. | 563. Field Sparrow, Sr. | 697. Am. Pipit, Wr. |
| 212. Virginia Rail, Sr. | 412. Flicker; Yellow-hammer, Sr. | 567. Slate-colored Junco, Wr. | 703. Mockingbird, Sr. |
| 214. Sora; Caroline Rail, Sr. | 417. Whippoorwill, Sr. | 581. Song Sparrow, Sr. | 704. Catbird, Sr. |
| 219. Florida Gallinule, Sr. | 420. Nighthawk, Sr. | 583. Lincoln's Sparrow, M. | 705. Brown Thrasher, Sr. |
| 221. Am. Coot; Mud Hen, Sr. | 423. Chimney Swift; Chimney Swal-
low, Sr. | 584. Swamp Sparrow, M. | 721. House Wren, Sr. |
| 224. Wilson's Phalarope, M. | 428. Ruby-throated Humming Bird,
Sr. | 585. Fox Sparrow, M. | 722. Winter Wren, M. |
| 228. Am. Woodcock, Sr. | 444. Kingbird, Sr. | 587. Towhee; Ground Robin, Sr. | 724. Short-billed Marsh Wren, Sr. |
| 230. Wilson's Snipe, Jack Snipe, M. | 452. Crested Flycatcher, Sr. | 593. Cardinal; Redbird, R. | 725. Long-billed Waist Wren, Sr. |
| 239. Pectoral Sandpiper; Jack Snipe,
M. | 456. Phoebe; Pewee, Sr. | 595. Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Sr. | 726. Brown Creeper, Wr. |
| 254. Greater Yellow-legs, M. | 459. Olive-sided Flycatcher, M. | 598. Indigo Bunting; Indigo Bird, Sr. | 727. White-breasted Nuthatch, R. |
| 255. Yellow-legs, M. | 461. Wood Pewee, Sr. | 604. Dickcissel; Black-throated Bunt-
ing, Sr. | 728. Red-breasted Nuthatch, M. |
| 256. Solitary Sandpiper, M. | | 608. Scarlet Tanager, Sr. | 731. Tufted Titmouse, Sr. |
| 261. Bartramian Sandpiper; Upland
Plover, Sr. | | 611. Purple Martin; House Martin,
Sr. | 735. Chickadee, R. |
| | | 612. Cliff Swallow; Eave Swallow, Sr. | 748. Golden Crowned Kinglet, M. |
| | | 613. Barn Swallow, Sr. | 749. Ruby-crowned Kinglet, M. |
| | | 614. Tree Swallow; White-bellied
Swallow, Sr. | 751. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Sr. |
| | | 616. Bank Swallow, Sr. | 755. Wood Thrush, Sr. |
| | | 617. Rough-winged Swallow, Sr. | 756. Wilson's Thrush, Sr. |
| | | 619. Cedar Waxwing; Cedar Bird, R. | 757. Gray-cheeked Thrush, M. |
| | | | 158. (a) Olive-backed Thrush, M. |
| | | | 759. (b) Hermit Thrush, M. |
| | | | 761. Am. Robin, Sr. |
| | | | 766. Bluebird, Sr. |

FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS AND THEIR NESTS AND EGGS.

Law Enacted by the Thirty-first General Assembly of Iowa, March, 1906.

SECTION 1. That all wild birds, both resident and migratory, in this State, shall be, and are hereby declared to be the property of the State.

SEC. 2. That no person shall, within the State of Iowa, kill or catch, or have in his or her possession, living or dead, any wild bird other than a game bird, or purchase, offer or expose for sale, transport or ship within or without the State, any such wild bird after it has been killed or caught, except as permitted by this act. No part of the plumage, skin or body of any bird protected by this section shall be sold or had in possession for sale, irrespective of whether said bird was captured or killed within or without the State. For the purpose of this act the following only shall be considered game birds: The Anatidae, commonly known as swans, geese, brant and river and sea ducks; the Rallidae, commonly known as rails, coots, mud-hens and gallinules; the Limicolae, commonly known as shore birds, plovers, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, sandpipers, tattlers and curlews; the Ballinae, commonly known as wild turkeys, grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants, partridges and quails. All other species of wild birds, either resident or migratory, shall be considered non-game birds.

SEC. 3. That no person shall, within the State of Iowa, take or needlessly destroy or attempt to take or destroy the nest or the eggs of any wild birds, other than the game bird, or have such nest in his or her possession, except as permitted by this act.

SEC. 4. That no person or persons, or any corporation acting as a common carrier, its officers, agents or servants, shall 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 act.

SEC. 5. That Sections 2, 3, 4 and 10 of this act shall not apply to any person holding a certificate giving the right to take birds, their nests, or eggs for scientific purposes only, as provided in Section 6 of this act.

SEC. 6. That certificates may be granted by the Fish and Game Warden of the State to any properly accredited persons of the age of fifteen years or upward, permitting the holder thereof to collect birds, their nests or eggs for scientific purposes only. The applicant for the same must present to said officer written testimonials from two well-known ornithologists who must be residents of Iowa, certifying to the good character and fitness of said applicant to be entrusted with such privilege; and must pay said officer one dollar to defray the necessary expenses attending the granting of such certificate. On proof that the holder of such certificate has killed any bird, or taken the nests or eggs of any bird for other than strictly scientific purposes, his certificate shall become void, and he shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, or imprisonment for thirty days, or both at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 7. That the certificates authorized by Section 6 of this act shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year issued, and shall not be transferable.

SEC. 8. That the English, or European house sparrow, great horned owl, sharp shinned hawk, and Cooper's hawk, blackbirds and crows, are not included among the birds protected by this act.

SEC. 9. That nothing in this act shall prevent a citizen of Iowa from taking or keeping any wild non-game bird in a cage as a domestic pet, provided that such bird shall not be sold, or exchanged, or offered for sale or exchange, or transported out of the State, and provided further that this act shall not be construed to forbid the selling or shipping of parrots, canaries or any other caged birds, which are imported from other countries or not native to any part of the United States.

SEC. 10. That any person who violates any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be liable to a fine of five dollars for each offense, and an additional fine of five dollars for each bird, living or dead, or part of a bird, or nest, or sets of eggs, or part thereof, possessed in violation of this act, or to imprisonment for thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 11. All acts or parts of acts heretofore passed inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Officers

MRS. W. B. SMALL, President
Waterloo

MRS. JAMES B. DIVER, 1st V-Pres.
Keokuk

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