

least, from the boys with guns. The better we protect them the more of them will come.

Since spring shooting of ducks has been prohibited in New York, thousands of ducks winter in waters of the central part of that state. Those that stay north are not limited to the hard-weather kinds, but include those that naturally would go south, were it not for the fact that they prefer to endure the rigor of a northern winter rather than risk their lives by being constantly harassed by the shotgun at the south.

Palm Beach and some other winter resorts in Florida prohibit shooting within a mile of town. Pelicans, ducks and other wild water birds resort to these places and soon become so tame one can approach within a boat's length of some of them.

These instances show that birds are not slow to appreciate efforts in their behalf and to take advantage of them.

Is the reader among those who regret the seeming decrease year by year in the number of birds hereabouts? Do you realize that your cats are feasting on dozens of baby birds each year, and thereby making you partly responsible for such a condition? Birds and cats don't go well together. If you have a cat and don't need one, how would it strike you to open negotiation with some boy to eliminate her? Thereby you would do a commendable act in a good cause.

The birds will soon begin to return from the south. We will enjoy having the wrens, the bluebirds, the flickers, the catbirds, the yellow warblers, the crows, and other birds that nested on our premises last year come back to us again this spring. We will greet their coming as though it were friends in human form, and will try to make it unpleasant for any of the feline tribe that roam about our garden when the young birds are learning to fly.

North East, Pa., March 20, 1912.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1912.

Balloting for Officers for the year 1912 resulted in the selection of W. E. Saunders, London, Ont., for President; Bradshaw H. Swales, Grosse Isle, Mich., for Vice-President; C. W. G. Eifrig, Addison, Ill., for Secretary; W. E. Henninger, New Bremen, Ohio, for Treasurer; Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Pa., J. H. Fleming, Toronto, Ont., and Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, for the Executive Council.

For most of the offices the vote was very close.