

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO BIRDS, ANIMALS  
AND FISH.

At a meeting of the Hintonburg branch of the S.P.C. held in the Town Hall there on the 23rd of June, several members of the Field Naturalists' Club gave short addresses, bearing especially on the prevention of cruelty to birds, animals and fish. Prof. Prince dwelt especially on the preservation of fish and the necessity of protecting them when spawning. Mr. W. T. Macoun spoke of the necessity of training the boys from childhood to not injure the birds and instanced the large number of birds nesting at the Experimental Farm, where they were partly protected and afforded places for nesting. Mr. A. G. Kingston spoke of the intense interest in the study of our birds and how much of the delight was lost unless we know them whenever seen or heard. Mr. J. Ballantyne's remarks were principally about animals, and he gave some interesting facts regarding the habits of some of them, and dwelt on the necessity of their being protected. Dr. J. Fletcher showed that many birds which were generally considered very destructive, really did more good to man than harm. He condemned the caging of wild birds, saying that in nearly every instance they died. Mr. W. A. D. Lees touched on the legal aspect of the question showing how the law if exercised could convict all who shot or trapped birds or took their eggs. He also spoke of the delight of watching and listening to the birds in their haunts.

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BIRD NOTES FOR JUNE.

No new arrivals were recorded during the month except the Pine Warbler. Since the first notes were published in the April number, records have been taken of 116 species of birds. A few notes have been received this month, principally on the