
BIRDS OF PEASEMARSH

Through his influence that island was declared a bird reserve and the nearest farmer a game warden, his duty being to see that the birds were not molested. He visited the island practically every day and the birds resented it so much that, since that year, there has not been a Pelican on the island. That shows that we must be careful in our attitude towards some of the wild birds.

"The Great Blue Heron used to nest in communities, and, while it does to a certain extent, the communities are very small. There is one heronry near London with about twenty odd nests. How it has escaped so long I do not know, because we have so many irresponsible people who do not think, whose impulse is to slaughter, and who go out with .22 rifles into a heronry just to see how many Herons they can kill. Then, of course, the eggs rot or the young starve to death. . . . I do not see why it should not be possible to declare such places as heronries bird sanctuaries where guns would not be allowed, where special penalties would be enforced on any person going with a gun. As a rule the few places in which these heronries now exist are places where the neighbors