

wholly beneficial or wholly harmless, Rough-legged Hawk. (b) Those chiefly beneficial, Marsh Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad winged Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Long eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Great Gray Owl, Barred Owl, Saw-whet Owl, Screech Owl, Snowy Owl and Hawk Owl. (c) Those whose good deeds balance their bad ones, Great Horned Owl and Pigeon Hawk. (d) Those which are positively injurious, Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Duck Hawk, and American Osprey. Some of the more important of these birds may be easily identified by some distinguishing characteristic, the Marsh Hawk by its slow flight near the ground and by its long tail, which is white at the base; the Sharp-shinned by its swiftness and directness of flight and by its dark color; the Goshawk by its large size, its boldness and swiftness of flight; the Red-tailed by its size and slow movements; the Red-shouldered by its habit of sailing at great heights and screaming; the Sparrow Hawk by its small size, its reddish back and long wings. Every farmer should have a copy of the free illustrated bulletin, "Birds of Ontario in Relation to Agriculture" by C. W. Nash, which may be obtained for the asking from the Department of Agriculture, Toronto. He would also do well to purchase such a book as "Birds of Ontario," McIlwraith, published by Wm. Briggs, Toronto.

In conclusion let the importance of the legal protection of the beneficial species be urged upon the farmer. The tide of public opinion is turning. One State after another in the Union is legislating for such protection. In Canada, Manitoba is the only Province

which has a law on its statute books protecting all the beneficial birds of prey. Quebec specifically exempts hawks and owls from protection, while Ontario exempts the hawks only. At present an effort is being made in Ontario to have such a law passed as will give protection to all beneficial species of both hawks and owls, and every agriculturist should write at once to his representative asking him to support such legislation. Surely Ontario, the banner Province of the Dominion, should lead her sister Provinces in this important matter of protection for our long abused benefactors, the beneficial birds of prey.



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