

Bird Sanctuaries

EVERY community should have a protected plot containing a bird bath, drinking-fountains, food houses, lunch-counters, bird houses and safe thickets for nesting.

A lack of opportunities for safe nesting is realized by all bird lovers. There are now very few hedges, and most of the streams and creeks which were bordered with rushes and vines are dried or filled up. To make up for this deficiency, have a space set apart especially for the birds.

If a small creek flows through it, so much the better. Have sunflowers, Japanese buckwheat, broom, corn and hemp on the bare places. Plant trees, bushes and vines as suggested under "Trees, Shrubs and Vines." Let everything grow wild.

Put up bird houses of various kinds, have feeding boxes, lunch-counters and several bird baths. Have a good hedge around this sanctuary, and see that domestic cats, red squirrels, sparrows and all enemies of bird life are kept out. A committee should be appointed to feed the birds regularly in winter and keep the baths filled with water during the summer.