

FOREST RANGERS.

Every public schoolboy in New South Wales is virtually a forest ranger, and within an area of two miles adjoining every public school in New South Wales a sanctuary for native birds and animals.

Prompted by the Australasian Society of Patriots, the State Government recently declared an area of two miles adjoining every school in New South Wales a sanctuary for native birds and animals.

The declaration means that animals and birds, with the flora peculiar to Australia, must be protected within these areas.

STATE-WIDE SANCTUARY.

By declaring a two-mile sanctuary in the vicinity of every school, the Government, perhaps unwittingly, has made practically the whole of the populated portions of the State an area in which wild animals must be protected. In the coastal districts, particularly, where schools are encountered frequently, miles and miles of territory, without a break, automatically becomes a sanctuary.

The Australian Society of Patriots is hopeful that native bears, kangaroos, and other denizens of the Australian bush, will eventually come in closer to the schools in search of the food which the children are to be encouraged to provide. In this way first-hand natural history lessons will be obtained.

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WHISTLING SWANS RETURN TO JACK MINER SANCTUARY.

Two thousand white whistling swans, one of the rarest wild bird species in North America, have arrived at the Jack Miner bird sanctuary, Kingsville, Ontario.

The great white birds have been soaring in from the south and settling on the lake shore beach at the bird sanctuary.

In 1916 the white swan was practically extinct in North America, and only the efforts of Miner, aided by the Canadian Government, saved them from extermination.

Jack Miner, the "bird philosopher," his three sons and provincial and Dominion game wardens, patrolled the beach to prevent any molestation of the swans.