

A CRY FOR FAIR PLAY.

Game-Birds Need More Sanctuaries.

The ever-increasing number of shootists, who have modern transport facilities and very efficient weapons for their one-sided war against game-birds, is a reminder that unless the provision of suitable, fenced sanctuaries is extended the birds will be wiped out.

Gunmen are not content with the assistance which motor-cars, launches and deadly fire-arms give them. Some of them resort to treacherous baiting during some weeks before the opening of the shooting season. They also ambush themselves in structures of branches, reeds or rushes, and, of course, they use decoys as well. Is that "sport"? What chance has a duck against such highly-organised schemes for slaughter? It is a very ignoble part, indeed a contemptible part, for man to play against birds which have a right to live. They have their helpful place in nature's balance.

It will not be enough to have more sanctuaries. It will be necessary to ensure supplies of food there, so that persecuted birds will have a fair chance of survival.



BEAUTIFUL NATIVE GREY DUCK, THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION BY SHOOTISTS.

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