

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION.
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S.O.S. bulletin for our old friend Bob White.

I have heard the remark made that the I.O.U. were not accomplishing enough and that we should do more, and now we are coming to you with a very urgent message and an opportunity for every member to get his shoulder to the wheel and help in a most worthy cause, namely to save our old friend - - - Bob White.

The closed season on Quail will end November 1st, 1927, and unless a bill is passed at this session of the Legislature, our little friend who whistles his merry "Bob White" from the distant meadow is doomed.

Representative Blythe has introduced a bill in the House, known as the House File, by Blythe- (No. 23), asking for a permanent closed season for the Quail. This is the bill we want passed. We want every member to write his Representative and Senator as soon as this letter is received, asking them to vote for this bill. The above is the way the bill is known in the House, and when passed there will go to the Senate, but at this date it has not been brought before the House, altho it is expected that it will be brought up before the House most any day.

Your officers have spent a great deal of time on this matter, I having worked together with Secretary Nelson and Mr. Palas, of Des Moines. I just returned from my second trip to Des Moines and we have had conferences with several committee members of both houses, and we feel that our bill is safe - providing they receive enough encouragement from over the state.

Senator Clark has introduced a bill asking for a four year closed season but we are hoping that the House bill above mentioned will pass both houses as we feel that a permanent closed season is much better than one for a limited time. There is no question but the Bob White is the most valuable bird on the Iowa farm today and they should be protected.

A petition signed by a lot of your friends and influential people in your vicinity will be fine also, but you cannot delay as this bill may be brought up at any time. Get out a petition and write both your Representative and Senator - - write them direct, as we want some expression from every member and it must be done now to save "Bob White". Urge your influential friends to write letters also, and if our lawmakers are flooded with letters from over the state, we feel that the battle is won. If we do this we will feel well repaid next summer when we hear the merry whistle of the Bob White come echoing across the fields. It will indeed be a satisfaction to know that we have done our bit toward saving the Bob White's life - - - the most valuable bird to the farmers of Iowa.

W.M. Rosen,
President.