This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 29 November, 1881.

STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

# New South Wales.



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO QUINTO

# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to protect and encourage the Acclimatization of certain Animals.

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the importation and Preamble. breeding of certain Birds and other Animals not indigenous to the Colony of New South Wales and also to prevent the destruction of certain Native Birds during the breeding season Be it therefore 5 enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. The Act forty-second Victoria number ten is hereby repealed. Repeal of 42 Vic. 2. This Act shall come into force immediately after the passing Commencement and thereof and may be cited as the "Animals Protection Act of 1881." short title.

3. The expression "Imported Animal" in this Act means any Interpretation of animal mentioned in or which may be added to the First Schedule hereto

"Native Bird"—Any bird mentioned in or which may be added to the 15 Second Schedule hereto "Song Bird"—Any bird mentioned in or which may be added to the Third Schedule hereto "Scheduled Bird"-A bird of any of the kinds or families mentioned in or which shall be added to any Schedule to this Act "Game"—All animals mentioned

in the First and Second Schedules of this Act And "Close Season" 20—The period of time between every first day of August and twentyeighth day of February then next succeeding both days inclusive.

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4. Any animal not mentioned in the Schedules hereto may by Colonial Secretary direction of the Colonial Secretary by a notice published in the Govern-may add any animal to Schedules.

ment Gazette at any time hereafter be added to the appropriate Schedule to this Act and after the publication of such notice the provisions of 5 this Act shall apply to such animal and the production of the Gazette containing such notice shall be conclusive evidence of such addition.

5. Any person who shall within a period of five years from the Penalty on killing &c. passing of this Act wilfully kill capture or injure or attempt or use any birds within five means whatever to kill capture or injure any imported animal or song years. 10 bird shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds in addition to any penalty he may incur by reason of any

infringement of the next succeeding section.

6. Any person who shall during the close season wilfully kill Penalty for killing &c. capture or injure or attempt or use any means whatever to kill capture protected birds during the close 15 or injure any scheduled bird shall for each such offence be liable to a season.

penalty not exceeding five pounds.

7. Any person who shall sell or offer for sale or shall have in Penalty for having his control or possession during the close season any scheduled bird dead birds in possession. recently killed or taken shall for every such bird be liable to a penalty 20 not exceeding five pounds unless he shall prove that the bird was killed taken bought or received either during the period in which such bird could legally be killed or in or from another Colony.

8. No fire-arms having a greater length of barrel than six feet or Punt guns not to be with the bore exceeding one inch in diameter shall be used for the used &c.

25 purpose of shooting any scheduled bird and no fire-arms of any description intended to be used for such purpose shall be affixed to any boat punt or floating vessel of any kind during any period of the year or be loaded with a charge exceeding four drachms of gunpowder or two ounces of shot and any person offending against the provisions of this 30 section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

9. If any person shall take out of the nest or destroy in the nest Penalty on taking or the eggs of any bird mentioned in the First Schedule of this Act he destroying eggs. shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of ten shillings for

each egg so taken or destroyed.

10. Nothing in the preceding section shall extend to any person Act not to extend to who shall have as owner in his possession any scheduled bird in con-private persons. finement or in a domesticated state provided such bird shall not have been found wild in this Colony or have been caught or taken within the period prohibited by this Act or to the owner of any eggs taken 40 from any mew or breeding place or to the possession of such eggs.

11. Whenever any sheet of water island or enclosed land has Birds may be been or shall be set apart by the Government or any private person for protected in preserving any of the scheduled birds the Colonial Secretary may

declare by notice in the Government Gazette such setting apart and 45 the names of the birds intended to be preserved and thereafter any person other than such owner who shall kill capture or injure any such birds within the limits of such water island or land shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds Provided that the Colonial Secretary

may by a like notice cancel any such setting apart.

50 12. It shall be lawful for any householder or constable to Penalty for refusing require any person offending against any of the provisions of this Act to give name place of to give his name in full and place of abode And in case such person shall after being so required refuse to give his real name or place of abode or shall give a false or fictitious name he may be at once 55 arrested and taken before some Justice of the Peace and shall be liable

for every such offence to an additional penalty not exceeding five

13. All informations or charges for offences against this Act Prosecution of may be heard and determined in a summary way before one Justice of offences,

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the Peace in accordance with the provisions of the Act or Acts for the time being in force with reference to summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace subject to the right of appeal to the next Court of Quarter Sessions holden nearest to the place of conviction and in 5 all cases the defendant shall be a competent witness.

14. All penalties recovered under this Act shall be paid—one-Disposal of penalties. half to the person who in the opinion of the convicting Justice of the Peace shall have given such information as led to the conviction and one-half to the Acclimatization Society nearest the Court in which such

10 conviction shall have taken place.

15. This Act shall not apply to any aboriginal native of Australia Not to apply to who may use a gun or kill or take any bird for his own use nor to any aboriginals. person authorized by the Colonial Secretary to collect specimens of natural history for any scientific institution or museum.

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#### SCHEDULES.

#### THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Imported Game.

Pheasant.
Partridge.
Grouse.

Californian Quail. Chinese Quail. White Swan.

#### THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

#### Native Game.

	Wild Duck of any species.	Mallee Hen.
	Teal.	Lyre Bird.
25	Emu.	Quail.
	Native Companion.	Land Rail.
	Wild Turkey or Bustard.	Tallegalla or Brush Turkey.
	Black Swan.	Plover Spur-wing.
	Wild Geese.	1 0
30	Bronze-winged and other	er Wild Pigeons and Doves.

# THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

#### Song Birds-Native and Imported.

	Robin.	Diamond Sparrow
35	Nightingale.	Flycatcher.
	Skylark.	Swallow.
	Linnet.	Marten.
	Thrush.	Great Kingfisher—commonly known
40	Starling.	as the Laughing Jackass.
	Blackbird.	Swift.
	Goldfinch.	Peewit.
	Chaffinch.	Reed Sparrow.
	Blue Wren.	Colonial Lark.
45	Wagtail.	Indian Miner.
	Honeysucker.	American Mocking Bird.
	Butcher Bird.	8