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BOB-WHITE AT FEEDING-STATION

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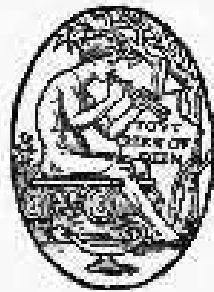
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TO THE AUDUBON SOCIETIES
IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR WORK IN
THE CAUSE OF BIRD-PROTECTION
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

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PREFACE

THE importance of attracting birds around our homes was first impressed upon the author through his experience with children in connection with the work in nature-study in the public schools. This was encouraged chiefly from the child's standpoint, on account of the educative value of this kind of work on the child. Furthermore, from the standpoint of the birds, this means of encouraging and protecting them is a very efficient one, which may be applied by all bird-lovers, adults as well as children.

Hence this book has been written from two view-points, that of birds and that of human beings; for the protection of the former and the pleasure of the latter.

The author has not attempted to restrict himself to his own experiences, but has drawn freely upon the experiences of any who could be reached. And, indeed, the chief value of these pages lies in the fact that they represent the results of so many observers, giving a brief summary of the work that is being done throughout the country.

To those who have assisted him in the preparation of this book, the author wishes to extend