

Legacy Circle
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Edith Munger 1865-1945

In 1908 she took her first aggressive action to protect birds. At the State Federation of Women's Clubs Edith offered a resolution asking members to pledge that they would refrain from wearing feathers from anything but domestic fowls.

She was President of the Michigan Society for 21 years and was outraged in 1917 when the Legislature passed a law putting a bounty on the killing of hawks and owls. The argument was made that the killing of rodents and small mammals was more valuable than the killing by these birds of chickens. Edith and her supporters were successful in getting the law overturned.

In 1929 Munger worked with outdoor writers and the State Department of Education and Conservation to hold a contest to name a State bird. With 190,000 votes cast, the Robin was chosen.