

**BIRDS AND GAME.**

1876, ch. 77.

**25.** It shall be unlawful for any person, at any time, to shoot, trap or otherwise kill or injure, or pursue with such intent, any of the following named birds, within the limits of Queen Anne's county, viz: mocking-bird, blue-bird, oriole, thrush, swallow, martin, lark, red-bird, cat-bird, wren, sparrow, whippoorwill, pewit, goldfinch, sapsucker, hanging-bird, jay-bird or woodpecker. Robins may be shot from and after the first day of October until the first day of March in each year; and it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and unnecessarily to destroy or disturb the eggs or nests of any of the above named birds.

Ibid.

**26.** The possession at any time by any person within the county, of any of the said birds, except robins, shot, killed or in anywise destroyed, and the possession by any person within the county, of any robin, between the first day of March and the first day of October, and the possession at any time of any eggs of any of said birds, shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the preceding section.

Ibid.

**27.** Any person violating section 25, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of said county, shall forfeit and pay to the said justice of the peace, the sum of two dollars for every bird so killed or destroyed, and for every nest so disturbed, robbed or broken up, together with costs of prosecution; and one-half of said forfeit or fine shall be paid to the informer, and the other half to the treasurer of the county school commissioners, for the use of the public schools of the county; and if any offender, after conviction under said section, shall refuse to pay the fine herein imposed, he shall be committed to the county jail, for each and every such offence, for not less than five nor more than ten days, in the discretion of the justice so committing; provided, however, that such conviction shall be within sixty days after the offence.