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## Cape Barren Geese appreciate a Sanctuary.

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It is interesting to note that Cape Barren Geese (*Cereopsis novae-hollandiae*) are quite plentiful on the bird sanctuary on Lake Albert, which, at the request of Mr. A. P. Bowman, of Campbell Park, was declared a totally protected area by the Government some time ago. Mr. Bowman, who is a bird-lover and a true sportsman, conceived the idea that if the area along the frontage of the Lake, from Rumplyander to Old Campbell House, was protected, it would make a fine bird sanctuary, as it is well adapted to aquatic bird life, and could be kept under supervision. Mr. Bowman's views have turned out correct, for many water-fowl are to be seen there this season, and he reports that there are flocks of Cape Barren Geese, to the number of between 400 and 500 birds, feeding in the swampy and grassy flats.

Recently an attempt was made by sportsmen to have this sanctuary opened for shooting, but ornithologists will be gratified to know that, acting upon the advice of Mr. W. D. Bruce, the Chief Inspector of Fisheries, under whose jurisdiction the game laws are administered, the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture decided not to accede to the request.

Cape Barren Geese are totally protected in South Australia, and also in some of the other States.

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