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## Letter from Emma A. Myrick to John Muir, 1894 Jan 7.

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2345 Broadway -

San Francisco, Jan. 7, 1894.

Dear Mr. Muir -

When you were with us last summer, did you not say, through the Sierra Club, you would get a law before the Legislature to protect the singing birds of California?

I understood so, and have started a petition with that understanding -

There is a Mr. Flint of the Gun and Country or Sportsman Club, who is a member of the Legislature this term, who has something of the kind in hand. Would it be too much trouble for you to write to him at Sacramento, or to his home San Juan, San Benito Co., and see what he has in hand?



You know they are shooting our larks,  
and selling them for a dollar a dozen,  
and it really is dreadful. We hardly ever  
hear one now in our valley.

My petition runs this way:

"A Petition for Laws to Protect the Singing  
Birds of California; - the Lark, Oriole,  
Wild Canary, Robin, Gold Finch,  
Vireo (is that spelled correctly?),  
Ring Dove, and Mocking Bird."

Is it correct? I have just started it  
this week, but find everyone, so far,  
very glad to sign.

Now I hope I am not asking  
you too much to take the trouble  
to help in this matter. I know  
your name, and the influence of the  
Sierra Club will be of value.

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While I am about it, I am going to  
ask for something more. Will you  
write me half a dozen of your  
autographs, rather far apart, so  
I can paste them in your new  
book, several copies of which, I  
want to send to friends East?

It will give a personal flavor to  
the volumes, and add to the pleasure  
of the gift. When you come down,  
which I hope will be soon, I shall  
have you write in my own copy, which  
Mr. Myrick and I <sup>we</sup> are going to enjoy some  
of these long winter evenings.

I was so glad to see "The Water Angel"  
in it, but I have not been able to  
read a word yet, as we want to read  
it together. I hope you are hammer-  
ing out some more gems. I wish you



would give us a study of Jamaica -  
I am growing very much attached to it,  
as I look at it from my dining-room  
window. Come down and look at it  
with us -

Sincerely your friend,  
Emma A. Myrick -

Mrs. M. G. Myrick -