

Letters to The Times

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For Will Rogers Memorial

INGLEWOOD, Sept. 15.—[To the Editor of The Times:] While others have been making suggestions as to a suitable memorial to our beloved Will Rogers one place has continually come to the writer's mind: Playa Del Rey marshes and their bird life!

At least seventy-five water birds may be seen in those willows, reeds and on the water at some time during the year, besides many other typical land birds. Water birds are now fighting for their very existence. The United States Biological Survey and the many fish and game commissions of the United States and Canada are having a very difficult time of it trying to allow shooting the birds and still have birds to shoot. Not since 1892 have the water birds made one step toward rehabilitation in numbers. Steadily their numbers have decreased.

A bird refuge with suitable building or tower at this place would become world renowned and bring to Los Angeles and to the friends of these two great men many, many visitors who would enjoy seeing the birds and in knowing the men were honored in such an appropriate way.

Will Rogers was always ready to help protect the weak; he was the soul of loyalty; he was persevering, and he loved the view of the world that the birds get—a Will Rogers memorial to protect and keep for posterity the birds of Playa Del Rey would be a most appropriate way to honor those great flyers, whom we all loved and miss.

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