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MOULTING SEASON FOR BIRDS

During the month of August, there seems to have been a great lack of birds. After the nesting season, our feathered residents are quiet and songless. Their coats are rather ragged as if they were moth-eaten. The birds are moulting. The worn feathers are dropping out and new ones are growing in. This change to new coats is very necessary to keep out the dampness and cold.

As the moulting season passes, the birds are more active again. After the first rains, they sing more and begin flocking. This is both for companionship and the feeling that there is better protection in numbers. With many eyes alert, the approach of an enemy is quickly passed from one to another.