Note on the Food of a Golden Whistler, Pachycephala pectoralis.

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On Thursday, 24th October, 1935, whilst photographing the Golden Whistler, I noticed the male bird endeavour to feed the young bird with a very large insect, but by suddenly alarming the bird I obtained possession of the insect, which has since been identified by Mr. Womersley, of the South Australian Museum, as a "Praying Mantid, probably Archimantis latistyla." The Mantid was five and three-quarter inches in length. Later on in the afternoon the male Whistler fed the young bird with another Mantid nearly as long, but much thinner.