

## JULY, 1923.

Dr. A. M. Morgan noted a Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) in the Park Lands at the back of the University Oval on 27th July.

Mr. George Weidenhoffer reported that the Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*) and Scarlet Robin (*Petroica multicolor*) were seen about Gaza during July.

Mr. Keith Ashby reported that the Crimson Rosellas (*Platycercus adelaidae*) were about Blackwood in flocks of about 30 in number, and that, owing to the shortage of food for them and the Blue Mountain Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*), they were in the leafless orchards looking for and eating the rotten apples on the ground.

Mr. Edwin Ashby, "Wittunga," Blackwood, reported:—The *Lathamus discolor* were still with us at the beginning of this month, thus completing a full six months' visit, the longest on record; but for some months have only noticed a couple that rest in trees in our garden; if there are others in the neighbourhood we do not know where they roost. The Fantailed Cuckoo was still in our district first week in July; small birds were disturbed, but the *Cacomantis* was not calling. Pallid Cuckoo arrived and calling (24th July). The Podargus that roosted daily from 15th May, 1923, till recently—for several months on one particular bough in a sheaoak (*Casuarina*) over our blacksmith's forge—has now disappeared. *Psephotus haematonotus* and *Platycercus adelaidae* and Blue Mountain Parrots are still very numerous around Blackwood, which is unusual for this time of year. Flocks of seven or ten up to twenty of the Red-rumped Grass-Parrakeet are not uncommon. *Glossopsitta concinna* and *porphyriocephala* are both now few in number.

Mr. W. Weidenbach reported:—Yellow-breasted Whistler, either female or young male, at Glenunga, near 3-mile post. Ten-twelve *Platycercus adelaidae* at Glen Osmond below the hills in one flock. These birds are becoming rapidly more common there; until recently they were rather rare, it being unusual to see any at all, except on top of the hills. A specimen of *Rhipidura albiscapa* has been for a week in and around a *Pinus insignis* tree in the late Tom Gill's garden at Glen Osmond.

Mr. J. W. Mellor, Lockleys, reported that several Yellow-rumped Tits had been about in the garden picking up small insects. These birds were once very common in this district, but of late years have become scarce. Another bird now rarely seen but once common is the Bald Coot, which was about