

By J. W. Mellor, "Mellor Park," Lockleys.

A Grey Butcher-Bird (*Cracticus torquatus*) was heard calling in the thick bushes at "Mellor Park" early in the month. Its beautiful full liquid notes were poured forth in quick succession one fine cold crisp morning. It reminded one of the bush, and it only wanted the smell of the mallee flowers to make the setting complete. On the following day, 7th May, the bird came close to the house, and has been about all the month. It is to be hoped it will stay, as it is the first record of this species visiting Lockleys or the Reedbeds district. On the 6th I noticed a number of Pipits (*Anthus australis*). On the 8th a fairly large flock of Purple-crowned Lorikeets (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*) came flying round just before dusk. On the 9th and several days after I saw a plain-coloured Whistler, which I think is either an immature male or a female of the Golden Whistler (*Pachycephala pectoralis*). I also noted a female of the Rufous Whistler (*P. rufogularis*), with striation on the breast and under-surface. The sweet little note of the Blue-Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*) was heard on the 10th, and after a little while a full-plumaged male made its appearance in the boxthorn-bushes, and later a female came in sight. These little birds have been absent for a time, due most likely to the presence of cats in the neighbourhood. Fantail-Cuckoos (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) have been about nearly all the month. I first saw one on the 16th, and the White-plumed

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Honey-eaters (*Meliphaga penicillata*) were following after it, and making a great fuss: This bird usually leaves the locality towards spring, when its place is taken up by the Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*). On the 23rd several Adelaide Rosellas (*Platycercus adelaidae*) came about. The (White-cheeked) Eastern Rosella (*P. eximius*) have been about all the season. On the 24th I noted a couple of fine brilliant males of the Flame-breasted Robin (*Petroica phoenicea*), also a female in her sombre garb.