

Note on the Southern Black-headed Minah
(*Myzantha melanocephala whitei*).

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These birds are usually found in the hilly districts, and rarely met with on the Adelaide Plains. A flock of about a dozen visits our garden, which is in the suburb of Kingswood, a little over a mile as the crow flies from the foot of the Mount Lofty Ranges. They make their appearance in the winter

and remain with us till about the end of October, when they evidently leave for the hills to breed. As the summer approaches they become very pugnacious amongst themselves. You will often see five or six chasing one another from tree to tree whilst they utter their familiar cry. Noisy fights, often take place, when several of them will ball together and fall to the ground. They will then rise one after the other and continue their pursuit. Their natural food consists of honey and insects, but to my surprise I found them to visit a refuse heap in an adjoining yard, where they greedily devoured soaked bread, boiled potatoes, and other table scraps.
