

Melville Island Birds.

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In the recent issue of "The Ibis" (tenth series, Vol. II., No. 1, January, 1914, pp. 91-132) Mr. Gregory M. Mathews has published a list of the birds of Melville Island, Northern Territory of South Australia. In this list are included those recorded by me in the previous number of this publication, with the exception of two species, viz., *Astur clarus robustus* and *Stiltia isabella*. As Mr. Mathews includes the Bathurst Island birds in this list I am able to add *Astur radiatus rufotibia* (Campbell), the type of which came from Napier, Broome Bay, north-west Australia: This bird was collected by Mr. W. D. Dodd, collector for the South Australian Museum, on Bathurst Island. It is a male, and agrees fairly well in colour and markings with Campbell's description,* with the exception of being more rufous on the abdomen, and smaller. The following are the measurements of the type specimen, which is a female, converted from inches into millimeters so as to compare with those of the Bathurst Island specimen.

*Emu, Vol. X., p. 249, 1911.

	Adult Female, Napier, Broome Bay.	Adult Male, Bathurst Island,
Total length	537	458 dry skin.
Wing	417	336
Tail	254	218
Tarsus	76	76
Culmen	38	33
Middle toe, with claw	84	76

This brings the total number of the Melville Island birds up to 170.
