

## A Trip to Port Broughton.

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On 18th April, 1929, I visited Port Broughton for the purpose of going over the Cormorant rookery on Shag Island, three miles north of the jetty. As it was only a rush trip, I did not make close examination for the other birds that may have been there, but kept a note of everything identified while travelling in the motor-car. Altogether, 36 species were noted from the time we left Onetree Hill till our return:—

*Phalacrocorax varius*, Pied Cormorant.

*Microcarbo melanoleucus*, Little Pied Cormorant.

Thousands of these birds were noted on Shag Island. Nesting was well advanced, though a few nests contained fresh eggs. The Little Pied seemed to be almost finished, as only two nests contained eggs, in each case well incubated. Their nests appeared to be outnumbered about ten to one by those of the Pied. No nest observed contained more than three eggs or young birds. Many fish were disgorged by the young birds, and they were mostly "weedies"; only two or three whiting and a few small mullet and salmon-trout were noted. The largest fish was a whiting about nine inches long.

Tern sp. (?)

Two Terns were observed diving for fish at some distance from the boat, but they did not come near enough for identification.

*Notophox novae-hollandiae*, White-faced Heron.

*Nycticorax caledonicus*, Nankeen Night-Heron.

Both species of Herons were observed on Shag Island, about 50 "Blue Cranes" in one flock, and 12 Night-Herons were flushed from the mangroves.

*Halcyon sanctus*, Sacred Kingfisher.

I just caught a glimpse of a Kingfisher in the mangroves at Port Wakefield; and believe it to be this species.

*Sericornis maculatus*, Spotted Scrub-Wren.

Two Scrub-Wrens were noted on Shag Island, and, though not closely observed, they would no doubt be this species.

*Corvus*, sp., Crow.

About 200 were in one paddock between Port Broughton and Bute; only about half a dozen were seen elsewhere on the trip.

Other species noted on the trip were as follow:—*Larus novae-hollandiae*, Silver Gull; *Gabianus pacificus* (Pacific Gull); *Haliastur sphenurus*, Whistling Eagle; *Falco berigora*, Brown Hawk; *Falco cenchroides*, Nankeen Kestrel; *Ninox boobook*, Boobook Owl; *Psephotus haematonotus*, Red-backed Parrot; *Cuculus pallidus*, Pallid Cuckoo; *Hirundo neoxena*, Welcome Swallow; *Rhipidura leucophrys*, Willie Wagtail; *Microeca fascinans*, Jacky Winter; *Petroica multicolor*, Scarlet Robin; *Grallina cyanoleuca*, Magpie-Lark; *Oreoica gutturalis*, Crested Bellbird; *Pomatostomus superciliosus*, White-browed Babbler; *Epthianura albifrons*, White-fronted Chat; *Malurus cyaneus*, Superb Blue Wren; *Artamus cyanopterus*, Dusky Wood-Swallow; *Meliphaga virescens*, Singing Honeyeater; *M. cratitia*, Purple-gaped Honeyeater; *M. ornata*, Yellow-plumed Honeyeater; *M. penicillata*, White-plumed Honeyeater; *Myzantha melanocephala*, Noisy Miner; *Acanthagenys rufogularis*, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater; *Anthochaera chrysoptera*, Little Wattle-Bird; *Anthus australis*, Groundlark; *Taeniopygia castanotis*, Chestnut-eared Finch; *Gymnorhina hypoleuca*, White-backed Magpie.

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\* A single bird only seen.