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The Gums Station, Florieton, 29/8/29.

The following notes may be of interest:—

10/8/29.—Saw seven Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*) feeding on the ground, bowing and bending until they flew to a dry tree with their peculiar whistling wings. The Bronze-wings differ in flight in that their wings make a smacking sound. Observed five White-winged Choughs (*Corcorax melanorhamphus*) under some pepper-trees (*Schinus molle*) very busily tossing piles of cow manure with their beaks. Got within ten yards of them; they watched me closely with their little red eyes, and rose several times with harsh screeches, to return immediately. When finally disturbed, they settled in a large gumtree, emitting their mournful whistles. Definitely established the Noisy Miner (*Myzantha melanocephala*) by the black head-markings; observed several specimens; cannot see a trace of the other Miners here. Two Laughing Kookaburras (*Dacelo gigas*) gave a great concert on a native sandalwood-tree near the house.

12/8/29.—While observing five White-winged Choughs in a low swamp mallee, saw a Currawong which has come round the yards and garden lately. Could not get very close, but the bird appeared more like a sooty black than black, white in wing and under base of tail; not sure of tip. Flight like a Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*)—long and short