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MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS.

—May, 1930.—

The monthly meeting was held at the Royal Society's Rooms on Friday evening, 31st May, 1930, at 8 p.m. The President (Mr. J. Neil McGilp) was in the chair.

Bird Notes were received from Messrs. E. F. Boehm, J. W. Mellor, J. Neil McGilp, F. E. Parsons, J. Sutton, and W. W. Weidenbach.

Exhibits.—Mr. S. Harvey exhibited a Gouldian Finch (*Poephila gouldiae*), which has been in his aviaries for three years and was obtained in north-western Western Australia. Its colouration is half-male and half-female.

Subjects.—Mr. Edwin Ashby described the Australian Robins of the genera *Petroica*, *Melanodryas*, *Amaurodryas*, *Quoyornis*, *Heteromyias*, *Poecilodryas*, and *Eopsaltria*, specimens being shown from his own collection and that of the South Australian Museum.

Mr. F. E. Parsons exhibited a Crow (*Corvus*), Currawong (*Strepera*), and Magpie (*Gymnorhina*), and discoursed on the Pterylosis, or arrangement of the feathers in definite areas, of the three genera.

—June, 1930.—

The monthly meeting was held on Friday evening, 27th June, 1930, at the usual time and place. Mr. C. Pearce was in the chair.

Bird Notes were received from Messrs. J. M. Bonnin, W. J. Harvey, J. W. Mellor, M. W. Mules, N. H. Pearse, and Dr. Angas Johnson.

Exhibits.—Mr. S. Harvey exhibited from his aviaries six Hooded Parrots (*Psephotus dissimilis*)—an adult pair, the male in full plumage; a pair two years old; and a pair at least six weeks old. Mr. M. W. Mules exhibited some specimens of Australian birds.

Subject.—Mr. F. E. Parsons gave an address upon the Flight of Birds.

—July, 1930.—

The monthly meeting was held on Friday evening, 25th July, 1930, at the usual time and place. Mr. F. E. Parsons was in the chair.

Bird Notes were received from Messrs. J. W. Mellor and M. W. Mules.

The Secretary reported that there had been a visitation of some Giant Petrels (*Macronectes giganteus*) on the South Australian coast, and between the end of June and 2nd August 14 birds were seen or captured—Outer Harbour, 5; Glenelg, 2; Brighton, 2; Largs, 1; Grange, 1; West Beach, 1; Semaphore, 1; and Goolwa, 1.

Subject.—Mr. S. Harvey gave moving pictures of birds in his and other aviculturists' aviaries, and composed chiefly of Australian birds. The views were excellent, and Mr. Harvey was warmly thanked by the members for showing the films.

—August, 1930.—

The monthly meeting was held on Friday evening, 29th August, 1930, at the usual time and place. The President (Mr. J. Neil McGilp) was in the chair.

Condolence.—A letter of sympathy had been sent to Mr. W. W. Weidenbach on the death of his mother. His letter of appreciation of our sympathy was read to the members at the meeting.

Exhibits.—Mr. F. E. Parsons showed two White-browed Scrub-Wrens (*Sericornis frontalis*) taken at Robe, S.A., ♀, albino, 7/7/1930, and ♀ 8/5/1930. Mr. F. W. Mules exhibited two Painted Quail (*Turnix varia*), ♂ 26/7/1930, ♀ 6/7/1930, and a Purple-crowned Lorikeet (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*), all taken at Woodside, S.A.

Subject.—Dr. A. M. Morgan described a Trip to the Diamantina, and exhibited some specimens obtained, which are now in the collection of the South Australian Museum.