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*Bird Notes.*

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On page 20 of this volume I referred to the depredations of Emus (*Dromaius novae-hollandiae*) in the crops. On inquiry from Mr. Eric Filmer, of Tintinara, he writes, under date of 6th May, 1930, as follows:—"We certainly suffered rather heavily

from Emus last harvest. There had been numbers of the birds about, and on many occasions we counted mobs of from 30 to 50 fully-grown Emus on the crop. There were also several broods of young ones in the locality. On one particular afternoon the farmer and I rode out to scare them off and to kill any we were lucky enough to catch. On reaching the top of a sandhill overlooking the crop we saw the biggest mob of Emus either of us had ever come across. The farmer's estimate of the number was 150, but I put it down at about 100. We did not have time to count them, for they made a mad rush for the fence and bundled through it, breaking every wire in three strains. I consider we lost through them 50 bags in the 150 acres of wheat crop. Our oat crop was also damaged to a slight extent by the birds. If farming is to be carried on in these parts, their numbers will have to be greatly reduced."

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