

Birds of the Orreroo District.

(By James T. Gray, Orreroo.)

The following is a list of the species of birds noted to date in this district:—Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*); Hoary-headed Grebe (*Podiceps poliocephalus*); Spur-winged Plover (*Lobibyx novae-hollandiae*); Black-fronted Dotterel (*Charadrius melanops*); White-faced Heron (*Notophoxyx novae-hollandiae*); Nankeen Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*); Owl (*Ninox* sp.); Musk Lorikeet (*Glossopsitta concinna*); Purple-crowned Lorikeet (*G. porphyrocephala*); Bare-eyed Cockatoo (*Kakatoe sanguinea*); Galah (*K. roseicapilla*); Ringneck (Mallee) Parrot (*Barnardius barnardi*); Mulga-Parrot (*Psephotus varius*); Red-backed Parrot (*Ps. haematonotus*); Budgerygah (*Melopsittacus undulatus*); Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*); White-backed Swallow (*Cheramoeca leucosterna*); Fairy Martin (*Hylochelidon ariel*); Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura flabellifera*); Willie Wagtail (*R. leucophrys*); Restless Flycatcher (*Seisura inquieta*); Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascians*); Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*); Hooded Robin (*Melanodryas cucullata*); Rufous Whistler (*Pachycephala rufiventris*); Grey Shrike Thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*); Magpie-Lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*); Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*); White-winged Triller (*Lalage tricolor*); White-browed Babbler (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*); Brown Weebill (*Smicrornis brevirostris*); Eastern Whiteface (*Aphelocephala leucopsis*); Little Thornbill (*Acanthiza nana*); Chestnut-tailed Thornbill (*A. uropygialis*); Yellow-tailed Thornbill (*A. chrysorrhoa*); Purple-backed Wren (*Malurus assimilis*); Masked Wood-Swallow (*Artamus personatus*); Dusky Wood-Swallow (*A. cyanopterus*); Black-capped Sittella (*Neositta pileata*); Mistletoe-Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*); Red-tipped Pardalote (*Pardalotus ornatus*); Brown-headed Honeyeater (*Melithreptus brevirostris*); White-eared Honeyeater (*Meliphaga leucotis*); Yellow-plumed Honeyeater (*M. ornata*); Yellow-fronted Honeyeater (*M. plumula*); White-plumed Honeyeater (*M. penicillata*); Yellow-throated Miner (*Myzantha flavigula*); Red-Wattle Bird (*Anthochaera carunculata*); Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*); Diamond Firetail (*Zonaeginthus guttatus*); Chestnut-eared Finch (*Taeniopygia castanotis*); Crow (*Corvus ceciliae*); White-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina hypoleuca*).

Bird Notes.

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Brown Songlark.—I saw one as early as 20th June, on the Willowie Plain; the Dusky Wood-Swallows about the same date. So far I have not seen the Masked Wood-Swallows. They nested here in the town last year. Nankeen Kestrel.—I saw the first one on 20th August, a solitary bird, and I have seen one on two occasions since. The Bare-eyed Cockatoos left here before winter and have not yet returned. The majority of the Galahs have gone. I see a few occasionally, but not the big numbers we had through the warm months. The Owl did not have any bird flies on it. I took specimens of the lice; also lice from the Red-tipped Pardalote and Hooded Robin. Mulga Parrots were seen for the first time recently; we have plenty of the Red-backed Parrots.
