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Notes from Wentworth, N.S.W.—Dr. A. Chenery wrote on 25th February, 1932:—" We had a wonderful breeding season, especially for waterfowl, along the Murray and on the inland swamps. The duck shooters, in consequence, are having a good time. The Black-tailed Native Hen (*Tribonyx ventralis*) nested down here this year and also Crested Grebes (*Podiceps cristatus*). Herons (*Notophoxyx*) were more plentiful than I remember seeing them. I have also records of the Australian Dotterel (*Peltohyas australis*) on two occasions—the first time I have met with them here. Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis* and *Turnix velox*) have been plentiful also. Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*) suffered greatly in the drought and were much reduced in numbers, but are breeding up again." And

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under date of 18th March:—"My boy brought me news of having found Firetail Finches (*Zonaeginthus guttatus*) nesting in canegrass swamps—I have never seen them here. Grey-backed Silvereyes (*Zosterops halmaturina*) nest at the Settlement (Curlwaa) (citrus, vines, and stone fruits) four miles out; but one practically never sees a bird in our town gardens, except for a month or two in autumn to clear up any grapes left on the trellises. The Banded Landrails (*Hypotaenidia philippensis*) were on the Settlement this spring also, in the lucerne. I saw a Black-cheeked Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) to-day for the first time for years, and an Australian Goshawk (*Astur fasciatus*) this morning. Most of our migrants have left. There may be a few Bee-eaters (*Merops ornatus*) still here, but the White-breasted Wood-Swallows (*Artamus leucorhynchus*), Red-backed Kingfishers (*Halcyon pyrrhopygius*), Yellow-throated Friar-Birds (*Philemon citreogularis*), Shell Parrots (*Melopsittacus undulatus*), and Cockatoo Parrots (*Leptolophus hollandicus*) have gone."

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