

*Bird Notes.*

“Mount Charlotte,” Hilltown, via Clare, Notes.

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Writing under date of 31st July, 1933, the following species had been observed:—13th May, Hooded Robin (*Melanodryas cucullata*).—A pair was seen in the garden. They remained for a week. 19th May, Rufous Whistler (*Pachycephala rufiven-*

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*tris*).—A pair visited the garden during the afternoon. This is our first and only record. Next morning I heard a strange note, which I attributed to this species. 29th May, Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus axillaris*).—One seen. 17th June, Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*).—One seen, and it was about the garden on the following day. 15th July, Black-shouldered Kite.—A pair. Appeared to be mating. 31st July, Flame Robin (*Petroica phoenicea*).—A male bird. The first and only bird I have seen here. On top of a hill amongst peppermint timber; not tame, but lively; flitted from rock to rock, or tree; would not fly right away, but doubled back as I approached. Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*) are with us still. Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*).—A pair visited the garden some months ago, and have made themselves at home. They have reared a pair of young, which left their tree last month and have now joined their parents amongst the flowers. 31st July, Black Falcon (*Falco subniger*).—A pair.—I see one occasionally, and sometimes the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).

Mr. John Hawker, of "Anama," has also seen the Black-shouldered Kite, probably my pair, as we are neighbours. They are new to him in this district. He also told me that when mustering sheep the other day he saw a Native Cat, the spotted animal (*Dasyurus viverrinus*), stalking a lamb. A trapper caught one on "Anama" some years ago. I thought they were extinct, but apparently there are some about!

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