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*Bird Notes.*

By Worsley C. Johnston, of Riverton.

Letter of 14th July, 1933:—

Black-shouldered Kite, *Elanus axillaris*.—On 9th July two birds were seen between Riverton and Saddleworth. Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*.—I have noticed quite a number of this species dead about the country. I found one decomposed at Wasleys, two at Riverton, and one at Saddleworth. The cause of death was not apparent in each case. Black-tailed Native-Hen, *Tribonyx ventralis*.—In May one bird was seen at Riverton, and on 11th July 27 were noted at Farrell's Flat.

Letter of 1st November, 1933:—

Black-shouldered Kite, *Elanus axillaris*.—A bird was seen at Booborowie on 9th August, one at Rhyrie on 24th August, and one at Gulnare on 2nd September. Ground Cuckoo-Shrike,

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*Pteropodocys maxima*.—On 3rd October, while gardening, I saw a flock of about seven birds flying fairly high. They appeared to me to be the Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, *Coracina novae-hollandiae*, by their flight, but the cry was not the latter birds'. Last week I was out with Mr. E. F. Boehm, when we saw a flock of the same birds as I heard call at Riverton, and on obtaining a specimen it proved to be a Ground Cuckoo-Shrike. I feel certain now that the birds I saw here were of that species.

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