

*Bird Notes.*

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On 11th December, and again on 18th December, 1933, a Paradise Whydah (*Steganura paradisea*) was seen flying about at Fulham, S.A. It remained about the thickets at the small artificial lake made in 1892 by the late Mr. White. (This bird has evidently escaped from captivity.—Editors.)

From Christmas, 1933, to 15th January, 1934, at Taratap Station, 18 miles by road north from Kingston, S.E., S.A. In the station garden Blue Mountain Lorikeets (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*) and Crimson Rosellas (*Platycercus elegans*) were destroying the apples, peaches, and apricots. Mulberries were not touched. The Blue Mountains were the chief offenders, and,

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although the fruit trees had been protected by wire cages, these birds would force their way through wherever a slight opening offered, and consumed the apples, which were in a green state. This species has only been noticed at the homestead during the past ten or eleven years, but now the birds come in flocks in the fruit season. In the ranges at the back of the homestead two small flocks of Emus (*Dromaius novae-hollandiae*) numbering five and seven individuals respectively, were seen. Brolgas (*Grus rubicundus*) were common at one time, but now are very rarely noted.

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