

## Dusky Wood-Swallows

(*Artamus cyanopterus*).

Mr. George McEwin, of 220 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, wrote under the date of 28th February, 1938:—"Mrs. McEwin for some years past has been throwing bread scraps on our back lawn, which is near some tall trees. In 1934 and 1935 many Dusky Wood-Swallows came to the "feast." In 1936 none came, or were not seen. Last year they were quite numerous, coming first in the winter, June or July. In August there may have been from 150 to 200 in a day, coming in from the south about 7 o'clock in the morning and moving off towards the north. Quite a number paid a visit on their return journey in the afternoon. They petered out to about half a dozen in September and disappeared in Show week. This week we have seen about six to twelve during the wet weather. As soon as conditions cleared they stopped coming, i.e. Sunday and Monday. Dr. Schneider, of Burnside, says he sees them all the year round.

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5/4/1938.—They have not yet re-appeared at my home, but may do so when winter sets in.”

[As such large numbers of Dusky Wood-Swallows appeared at 7 a.m. in the morning it is most likely that the birds roosted in a cluster round the stem of a big tree in the neighbourhood of Mr. McEwin's house. Mr. Alfred Crompton, of Statenborough Street, Knightsbridge, reports such a practice with regard to some 1,000 Dusky Wood-Swallows in the "S.A. Ornithologist," Vol. VI, page 172, 1922.—Editors.]

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