

By Harold Wade, Netherby, Mitcham.

June, 1938.—On various occasions lately I have noticed a pair of Mistletoe-Birds (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*) in a hawthorn bush on the property of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, Urrbrae, Mitcham. The bush is just a mass of mistletoe which has red berries like the hawthorn berries. On 7th June Netherby was visited by a small flock of Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrikes (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*). I counted seven, but think there were probably more. They were very restless and appeared to be travelling southwards. The Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*) seem to be making their home in this locality; on 7th June I noted four of them in Netherby Avenue, and on the 11th there were six; later I heard that ten were seen in Urrbrae. On 12th June I noted three Peaceful Doves (*Geopelia placida*) in Hill Street, Mitcham. Three White-browed Babblers (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*) were seen in Netherby. Between the 21st and 23rd July, 1938, at Tilley's Hill, off Brownhill Creek, Mitcham, I observed a pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles (*Uroaetus audax*), a Brown Hawk (*Falco berigora*) and a Spotted Ground Thrush (*Cinclosoma punctatum*). On 24th July a Ringneck Parrot* (*Barnardius barnardi*) was seen in Netherby. Flame Robin (*Petroica phoenicea*).—Of all migrating birds this Robin is the most beautiful and interesting. I first noticed it about the year 1888 at the Meadows, in which district it makes its appearance with clock-like regularity in the first week in May. The month of May in the Meadows district is, on many farms, potato-digging time, and the Flame Robin is always in attendance, perched on the drying potato-stalks, ready to pounce upon any insect that moves on the newly-dug ground. I have watched for the appearance of the Flame Robin for many years and have noticed that on the Adelaide plains it sometimes arrived in the last week in April.

* Probably an escaped bird.—Eds.