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**BIRD NOTES**

.....Mistletoe Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*).  
—I have kept these birds off and on for several years, feeding them on banana and on mistletoe berries when ripe. They are quite easy to tame, and make a good show in the aviary. When eating the berries, they pick them off and then juggle them in their beak until they can squeeze the seed out straight on to their beak. The empty skin is wiped off on the branch. The seed passes right through the bird and is ejected on to a branch. The coating of gluey material firmly fastens the seed to the bough, and it begins to grow in about a week. (Oliver Fuller.)