

A GREEN-COLLARED LORIKEET OF GENUS *Trichoglossus*, POSSIBLY FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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Recently members of the South Australian Ornithological Association had the opportunity of examining a skin (No. 237) from the collection of Captain S. A. White, of Fulham, South Australia, of a Lorikeet of the genus *Trichoglossus* which is believed to have come from the Northern Territory. According to Captain White's notebook, it was collected in the year "1888" at "Port Essington" by "Cockerell."

Chief interest in the skin centres in the fact that it has a *green* collar—the only form of the genus known to occur in the Northern Territory is the Red-collared Lorikeet (*T. rubritorquis*).

The specimen in question is unlike the Green-collared Rainbow or Blue Mountain Lorikeet (*T. moluccanus*) of eastern and southern Australia, being closer to the assemblage of island forms from the New Guinea region which are now generally grouped under *Trichoglossus haematod* (Linne) (or *T. haematodus* auct.) (vide Peters, Checklist Bds. Wld., vol. 3, p. 148).

It was so diagnosed by A. H. Lendon and the writer concurs. Altogether Peters lists 19 races of *T. haematod* from localities to the north of Australia, and three from the Australian mainland (including *T. moluccanus* and *T. rubritorquis*). Lack of sufficient material for comparison makes it difficult to decide which form Captain White's skin approaches, but it appears to be nearest to *T. h. nigrogularis*, which was originally described from the Aru Islands. The collector referred to above is probably J. T. Cockerell, who procured a lot of material for several Australian museums and private individuals towards the close of the last century. In many skins prepared by J. T. Cockerell, the tail is "fanned," but this is not the case in the skin under notice.

A water colour sketch of this skin, prepared by Mr. A. Hay, is preserved in the South Australian Museum.

Although some doubt may exist as to its authenticity, it is felt that the information should be placed on record.
