

## BIRDS AND GRASSHOPPERS

The following reports and observations have been received on the species of birds which attacked the Black-tipped Locust or "Grasshopper" (*Chortoicetes terminifera*) which occurred in plague proportions during last year.

White-faced Heron (*Notophoxyx novae-hollandiae*).—Wilmington.—T. Brandon.

Nankeen Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*).—Single birds observed by H. T. Condon near Tapley's Hill.

Kookaburra (*Dacelo gigas*).—Kensington Gardens by F. Basse.

Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*).—Kensington Gardens—F. Basse, and at Goodwood—H. T. Condon.

Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascians*).—Seen by F. Basse as above.

Scarlet Robin (*Petroica multicolor*).—Locusts taken by captive birds.—F. Basse.

Red-capped Robin (*P. goodenovi*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Flame Robin (*P. phoenicea*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Hooded Robin (*Melanodryas cucullata*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Southern Yellow Robin (*Eopsaltria australis*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Golden Whistler (*Pachycephala pectoralis*) and Rufous Whistler (*P. rufiventris*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Grey Shrike Thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*).—At Kensington Gardens.—F. Basse.

Magpie-Lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*).—Wild birds observed by F. Basse, H. T. Condon, and E. F. Boehm, of Sutherlands.

Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*).—Wild birds.—F. Basse.

Southern Scrub Robin (*Drymodes brunneopygia*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

White-browed Babbler (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

White-fronted Chat (*Epthianura albifrons*) and Crimson Chat (*E. tricolor*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Superb Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Masked Wood-Swallow (*Artamus personatus*)—Wild birds seen in flocks by E. F. Boehm, Sutherlands; captive birds by F. Basse.

White-browed Wood-Swallow (*A. superciliosus*) and Dusky Wood-Swallow (*A. cyanopterus*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Noisy Miner (*Myzantha melanocephala*).—Wild birds.—F. Basse.

Little Wattle-Bird (*Anthochaera chrysoptera*).—Wild birds.—F. Basse.

Red-browed Finch (*Aegintha temporalis*).—Captive birds.—F. Basse.

Australian Raven (*Corvus coronoides*).—In flocks.—E. F. Boehm, Sutherlands.

Black-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*).—Wild birds.—E. F. Boehm.

White-backed Magpie (*G. hypoleuca*).—Wild birds.—E. F. Boehm (in flocks); H. T. Condon (in Adelaide suburbs); F. Basse (Kensington Gardens).

### AVIARY BIRDS

Long-tailed Finch (*Poephila acuticauda*) and Indian Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*).—F. Basse.

### INTRODUCED BIRDS

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*).—F. Basse, E. F. Boehm, H. T. Condon, O. Symon.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*).—Noted by same as above.

Burmese Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*).—Wild birds.—H. T. Condon.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*).—Wild birds.—H. T. Condon, F. Basse.

From Sutherlands, Mr. Boehm writes that the Masked Wood-Swallows, Starlings, Ravens and White-backed Magpies congregated in flocks, and in his opinion "accounted for the largest number of Locusts." At the farm homesteads in this district the domestic fowl (*Gallus*) was observed feeding freely on the insects. At Unley, Mrs. R. A. Condon observed a domestic cat catching and eating Locusts.