

Birds of the Cairns District, Queensland.

From Notes and Skins made by the late Capt. T. H. Bowyer-Bower.

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No. 54—Male.—Cairns, June 23, 1884.
Irides bright red. Rare. Length 7.12 inches.

191. *SYMPOSIACHRUS TRIVIRGATUS MEDIUS*. Intermediate Spectacled Flycatcher.

No. 59—Male.—Peterson's Pocket, December 27, 1884.
Common.

192. *MONARCHA MELANOPSIS MELANOPSIS*. Black-faced Flycatcher.

No. 58—Male.—Peterson's Pocket, December 27, 1884.
Length 7.25 inches. Irides brown. Common.

193. *CORACINA NOVÆHOLLANDIÆ CONNECTENS*. Queensland Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike.

No. 21—Female.—Barron River, August 22, 1884.

No. 22—Male (immature).—Scrubby Creek, January 12, 1885.

Length 13 inches. Irides brown. Common.

194. *CORACINA HYPOLEUCA STALKERI*. Grey-banded Cuckoo-Shrike.
No. 24—Male.—Cairns, June 9, 1884.
Length 10.38 inches. Irides brown. Common.
194. *PARAGRAUCALUS LINEATA LINEATA*. Barred Cuckoo-Shrike.
No. 23. Cairns, June 9, 1884.
Length 11 inches. Irides light yellow. Common. but more so on elevated ground than in the valleys.
196. *KARUA LEUCOMBLA LEUCOMBLA*. Pied Caterpillar-eater.
No. 25—Male.—Cairns, June 23, 1884.
Length 8.08 inches. Irides brown.
197. *MACRORTHONYX SPALDINGI*. Black-headed Log-runner.
One female. Plentiful over the Cairns-Herberton Range, but with such rapidity does it pass over the ground, amongst the thick underwood, that it is not easy to obtain.
201. *PSOPHODES OLIVACEUS LATERALIS*. Northern Coach-whip Bird.
No. 60. Immature. Cairns.
Common, but not easy to obtain.
210. *CISTICOLA EXILIS MIXTA*. Little Grass-Warbler.
No. 66—Male.—Scrubby Creek, January 14, 1885.
Length 4.25 inches. Irides brown. When met with is fairly numerous, but not often observed.
227. *LEGGEORNIS AMABILIS BARRONI*. Allied Lovely Wren.
No. 65—Male.—Cairns; June 19, 1884.
Length 4.87 inches. Irides brown. Not common.
228. *RYANIA MELANOCEPHALA PYRRHONOTA*. Eastern Red-backed Wren.
Nos. 61-64—Male.—Barron River, August 25, 1884; and Peterson's Pocket, December 19, 1884.
Length 4.5—4.62 inches. Irides brown. Common.
234. *ARTAMUS LEUCORHYNCHUS LEUCOPYGIALIS*. White-rumped Wood Swallow.
No. 52—Male.—No. 53—Male.—Cairns, June 30, 1884.

Length 7.25 inches. Irides brown; bill bluish-slate, tip dark brown; feet black. Common and easy to get.

236. *PSEUDARTAMUS CYANOPTERUS*. Wood Swallow.

No. 51—Male.—Cairns.

Length 7.25 inches.

237. *COLLURICINCLA HARMONICA PALLESCENS*. Grey-backed Shrike-Thrush.

Nos. 28 (Female), 29 and 30.—Scrubby Creek, January 12 and 14, 1885.

Length 9.75 inches.

240. *CALEYA MEGARHYNCHA GOULDI*. Little Rufous-breasted Shrike-Thrush.

No. 26—Male.—Cairns, June 25, 1884.

No. 27. Barron River, July 6, 1884.

Length 7.87 inches. Common.

242. *MELLORIA QUOYI RUFESCENS*. Rufous Butcher Bird.

Nos. 15-20. Barron River and Gordan's Camp, August and October, 1884.

Length 14.25 inches. In the black phase: irides brown; feet black. In the rufous phase: irides brown; feet bluish. The bills are the same colour in both phases.

245. *FALCUNCULUS FRONTATUS HERBERTONI*. Pale Shrike-Tit.

No. 31—Male.—Scrubby Creek, January 14, 1885.

Length 6.62 inches. Irides brown. Not common.

245. *OREOICA CRISTATA CRISTATA*. Crested Bell-Bird.

A wounded bird ran about very quickly. It has a most peculiar note—it sounds in two different places at once, and as distinct as if uttered by two birds.

249. *NEOSITTELLA STRIATA ROTHSCILDI*. Allied Striated Tree-runner.

No. 112. Cairns. Common.

253. *ZOSTEROPS LATERALIS CORNWALLI*. Queensland White-Eye.

No. 107. Cairns, June 9, 1884.

Length 4.5 inches. Common.

254. *AUSTRODICÆUM HIRUNDINACEUM HIRUNDINACEUM.* Mistletoe Bird.

No. 104—Male.—Cairns, August 19, 1884.

Irides dark brown.

258. *CRYPTOSTOMUS FRENATA AUSTRALIS.* Cairns Sun-Bird.

No. 105—Male.—Cairns, 1884.

A bird shot on Thursday Island in 1886 seemed to have more of the blue colour in the throat than those obtained at Cairns.

A nest was suspended to the cord of a window in a church at Cairns.

263. *MYZOMBLA SANGUINEOLENTA STEPHENSI.* Northern Sanguineous Honey-eater.

Nos. 102—Male, 103—Male.—Scrubby Creek, January 14 & 9, 1884.

Length 4.5 inches. Irides brown. Common.

265. *MELOMYZA OBSCURA HARTERTI.* Dark Honey-eater.

No. 91. Cairns, January 14, 1885.

271. *PTILOTTINA ANALOGA NOTATA.* Yellow-spotted Honey-eater.

No. 98—Male.—Barron River, September 3, 1884.

Length 7.75 inches. Irides brown; legs light slate-blue.

272. *MICROPTILOTTIS GRACILIS IMITATRIX.* Cairns Little Yellow-spotted Honey-eater.

Nos. 96—Female, 97.—Cairns, June 21 & 7, 1884.

275. *MELIPHAGA FRENATA.* Bridled Honey-eater.

No. 99—Female.—Peterson's Pocket, December 27, 1884.

Length 8.75 inches. Irides blue-grey; bill dark brown, becoming fine yellow at the base; legs and feet blue.

Nos. 100 & 101—Male.—Barron River, July 21, 1884.

275. *CALOPTILOTTIS MACLEAYANA.* Yellow-streaked Honey-eater.

Nos. 92—Male, & 93—Male.—Barron River, September 2 & 3, 1884.

Length 8 inches. Irides brown; legs slate.

280. *PTILOTULA FLAVESCENS SUBGERMANA*. Queensland Grey-tinted Honey-eater.
Nos. 94—Male, 95—Female.—Scrubby Creek, January 9, 1885.
Length—Male, 6.5 inches; Female, 6.25 inches.
285. *MELIORNIS NIGRA HERBERTONI*. Northern White-cheeked Honey-eater.
No. 89—Female.—Peterson's Pocket, December 18, 1884.
No. 90—Male.—Scrubby Creek, January 14, 1885.
Length—Female, 6.5 inches. Common on the tablelands about 2,500 feet above sea-level.
292. *NEOPHILEMON BUCEROIDES BUCEROIDES*. Helmeted Friar-bird.
Nos. 134-136—Male and Female.—Cairns, June 11 & 21, 1884.
No. 137—Male.—Barron River, August 10, 1884.
Length—Male, 13.7 inches; Female, 13.12 inches.
292. *TROPIDORHYNCHUS CORNICULATUS ELLIOTI*. Northern-Friar-bird.
No. 138. Cairns, June 30, 1884.
No. 139. Barron River, August 3, 1884.
300. *LONGHURA CASTANEOOTHORAX CASTANEOOTHORAX*. Chestnut-breasted Finch.
No. 67—Male.—Barron River, August 25, 1884.
Length 4.5 inches. Irides brown.
305. *MIMETA SAGITTATUS SUBAFFINIS*. Queensland Oriole.
No. 80—Female.—Barron River, September 4, 1884.
Length 11.25 inches. Bill reddish brown.
306. *MIMETA FLAVOCINCTA KINGI*. Eastern Yellow Oriole.
No. 81—Male.—Gordan's Camp, October 7, 1884.
Length 12.62 inches. Irides red; bill reddish brown; legs lead-colour.
306. *SPHECOTHERES MAXILLARIS VIBILLOTTI*. Northern Fig-Bird.
No. 82—Male.—Cairns, June 20, 1884.

Length 11.75 inches. Irides brown, space round the eye red.

307. *SPECOTHERES FLAVIVENTRIS AUDONI*. Allied Yellow-bellied Fig-Bird.

Nos. 83 & 85—Female.—Cairns, June 11 & 25, 1884.

No. 84—Female.—Peterson's Pocket, December 29, 1884.

Length 11.12 inches. Irides brown, space round eye bluish.

307. *DICRUOPSIS BRACTEATUS BRACTEATUS*. Spangled Drongo.

Nos. 32 & 34. Cairns, June 17 & 9, 1884.

No. 33. Gordan's Camp, October 19, 1884.

Length 12.5 inches to 11.87 inches.

308. *METALLOPSAR METALLIGUS PURPURASCENS*. Shining Starling.

Nos. 86-88. Barron River, August and September, 1884.

Length 9.5 inches. Irides red. Common; their peculiar long nests were very plentiful.

309. *SCENOPOETES DENTIROSTRIS*. Tooth-billed Bower-Bird.

Nos. 75-77—Male & Female.—Peterson's Pocket and Barron River, December and August, 1884.

Length 11.62 inches. Irides brown, nearly black; legs blue lead-colour.

310. *TILURÆDUS MELANOTUS MACULOSUS*. Spotted Cat-Bird.

Nos. 70 & 71—Male.—Barron River, August 22, 1884.

No. 72—Male.—Dry Creek, October 14, 1884.

No. 73—Male.—Barron River, July 16, 1884.

No. 74. Gordan's Camp, October 19, 1884.

Length 12.75 inches. Irides brown; bill yellowish white; legs blue.

312. *PTILORIS PARADISEA VICTORIÆ*. Lesser Rifle-Bird.

No. 108—Male.—Gordan's Camp, October 8, 1884.

No. 109—Female.—Barron River, July 21, 1884.

No. 111—Female.—Barron River, August 20, 1884.

Length 10.12—10.75 inches. Irides brown; legs black.

A young bird was seen feeding quite close, about three yards off. It took off the bark from a palm-tree and devoured the insects. Frequently it could be seen hanging head downwards and climbing about in all positions.

315. *STREPERA GRACULINA ROBINSONI*. Northern Pied Crow-Shrike.

Common and generally to be seen round the gardens where there is Indian corn growing. One bird was picked up covered with sticky seeds one and a half inches long and of an elongated shape; they had stuck the feathers together in such a way that the bird was unable to fly.
