

Notes on *Polophilus Phasianinus Melanurus*.
Gld. (North-Western Coucal).

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In comparing a skin collected by Mr. C. E. May at Port Keats in 1906 with the Adelaide Museum specimens I find that it differs from the Northern Coucal *Polophilus phasianinus macrourus*, Gld., in that the whole of the plumage is black with the exception of the wings, which are normal. In comparing the specimen which is under review, which is a male, with one of *P. p. melanurus* from North-western Australia, I find that it differs, in that the barring of the tail is almost absent, there are no white tips to the tail feathers, the under tail coverts are quite black, and not speckled as in the North-western specimen. We must either extend the range of that species as far as Port Keats in the Northern Territory, or designate this variety under the name of *Keatsi*.
