

FURTHER NOTES ON THE BIRDS OF GROOTE EYLANDT, N.T.

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P. Haselgrove recently summarised his observations on the birds of Groote Eylandt (Haselgrove, 1975). To these he appended a list of additional species recorded by W. R. McLennan in 1921 and H. G. Deignan in 1948. Since then R. Wheeler (Sunbird 6: 100) has drawn attention to L. Amiet's visit to Groote Eylandt in 1956. We now point out that two other naturalists have worked on the island's birds, namely N. B. Tindale and G. H. Wilkins.

Tindale spent several months on Groote Eylandt in 1921-22 (Tindale, 1925). Primarily an entomologist and anthropologist, Tindale also observed and collected birds on Groote Eylandt, and his records were used by Storr (1967). Among the species listed by Tindale are six not recorded by other observers: White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*, Pied Goose *Anseranas semipalmata*, Plumed Tree-duck *Dendrocygna eytoni*, Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrocephalus* and Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*. He was also first to record the Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* for the island. Tindale collected 132 specimens of 57 species, and these are now in the South Australian Museum.

From January to March 1925 Wilkins collected Groote Eylandt birds for the British

Museum (Natural History) (list of specimens copied for Parker from the Museum's register by Mr. J. D. Macdonald). Among the species collected by Wilkins are three not otherwise known from the island: Crested Hawk *Aviceda subcristata*, Large-billed Dotterel *Charadrius leschenaultii* and Owllet-nightjar *Aegotheles cristatus*. Wilkins also collected a Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*, a species otherwise recorded only by Haselgrove.

Finally we point out that Haselgrove omitted from his appendix a species collected by McLennan, namely the Mangrove Kingfisher *Halcyon chloris*, and two species collected by both McLennan and Deignan, the Little Friarbird *Philemon citreogularis* and Yellow Oriole *Oriolus flavocinctus*.

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