

## Notes from the Lake Frome District.

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*Geobasileus chrysorrhous addendus.*

In all the nests of this bird, which have come under my notice, I have found the double structure, an open cup-shaped nest on top of a well-concealed covered-in nest with a carefully hidden entrance. A great deal of the structure is of sheep's wool, spider cocoons and small twigs, the lower compartment being beautifully lined with highly coloured feathers, an assortment which I should judge took some time to gather. The small soft pink feathers of the Rose-breasted Cockatoo were noted, also the green feathers of the Shell Parrots, small metallic ones of the Crested Bronzewing Pigeon, and other brightly coloured feathers. Every nest examined contained these bright feathers. Another strange feature I noticed in four nests, out of about a dozen examined, was the skeletons of three young birds. The death of the birds cannot be accounted for, unless the parents were killed, but it was noticed that these four nests which contained the dead birds, were built in Mistletoe, and the nests were covered with small ants. The question is, would the ants prove too much for the parent birds?

A Seagull was feeding with the fowls on the 28th February last, evidently on its way to surface water somewhere?

Several pairs of Grey Falcons have been seen lately (March, 1919) One pair was engaged in chasing finches from the tank to the hedge, a distance of about fifty yards, and often almost flying into the verandah in close pursuit of their prey. Some weeks ago no less than six of these birds were observed feeding on a Galah (Rose-breasted Cockatoo), which they had apparently just killed upon my approach. One tried to carry the Galah away, but after flying 50 or 60 yards was forced to drop it, on account of the weight. This is the first time I have seen more than two of these birds together.

Six Cormorants flew over here late one evening, flying very low. I was unable to distinguish for certain which species but they had every appearance of *P. hypoleucus*.

A List of the birds observed on Moolawatana Station, March, 1918 to March, 1919.

*Dromiceius novaehollandiae*, Emu.

*Syonicus ypselophorus sordidus*, Southern Brown Quail,

- Austroturonia velox*, Eastern Little Quail.  
*Pedionomus torquatus*, Plain Wanderer.  
*Stictopeleia cuneata*, Eastern Spotted-shouldered Dove.  
*Phaps chalcoptera*, Bronze-winged Pigeon.  
*Ocyphaps lophotes*, Crested Pigeon.  
*Microtribonyx ventralis whitei*, Eastern Black-tailed  
 Native Hen.  
*Porphyrio melanotus*, Eastern Bald Coot.  
*Fulica atra tasmanica*, Eastern Coot.  
*Polocephalus poliocephalus*, Hoary-headed Grebe.  
*Gelochelidon nilotica macrotarsa*, Australian Gull-billed  
 Tern.  
*Hydroprogne tschegrava strenua*, Australian Caspian  
 Tern.  
*Bruchigavia novaehollandiae*, Silver Gull.  
*Erythrogonys cinctus*, Red-kneed Dotterel.  
*Lobibyx novaehollandiae*, Spur-winged Plover.  
*Zonifer tricolor*, Black-breasted Plover.  
*Leucopoliis ruficapillus*, Red-capped Dotterel.  
*Elseya melanops*, Black-fronted Dotterel.  
*Himantopus leucocephalus*, White-headed Stilt.  
*Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*, Red-necked Avocet.  
*Stiltia isabella*, Australian Pratincole.  
*Peltodyas australis*, Australian Dotterel.  
*Burhinus magnirostris*, Eastern Stone Plover.  
*Austrotis australis*, Australian Bustard.  
*Mathewsia rubicunda*, Australian Crane.  
*Threskiornis molucca strictipennis*, White Ibis.  
*Carphibis spinicollis*, Straw-necked Ibis.  
*Plegadis falcinellus*, Glossy Ibis.  
*Spathero dia regia*, Black-billed Spoonbill.  
*Platibis flavipes*, Yellow-billed Spoonbill.  
*Notophox novaehollandiae*, White-fronted Heron.  
*Nycticorax caledonicus*, Australian Night Heron.  
*Myola pacifica*, White-necked Heron.  
*Chenopsis atrata*, Eastern Black Swan.  
*Anseranas semipalmata*, Pied Goose.  
*Chenonetta jubata*, Wood Duck or Maned Goose.  
*Casarca tadornoides*, Mountain Duck.  
*Anas superciliosa rogersi*, Black Duck.  
*Virago castanea*, Chestnut-breasted Teal.  
*Virago gibberifrons*, Grey Teal.  
*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*, Pink-eared Duck.  
*Stictonetta naevosa*, Freckled Duck.

- Nyroca australis*, White-eyed Duck.  
*Oxyura australis*, Blue-billed Duck.  
*Biziura lobata*, Musk Duck.  
*Phalacrocorax carbo*, Black Cormorant.  
*Mesocorbo ater*, Little Black Cormorant.  
*Hypoleucus varius hypoleucus*, Eastern Pied Cormorant.  
*Microcarbo melanoleucus*, Little Cormorant.  
*Catoptropelicanus conspicillatus*, Eastern Pelican.  
*Circus assimilis*, Spotted Harrier.  
*Circus approximans gouldi*, Swamp Hawk.  
*Leucospiza clara*, Grey Goshawk.  
*Accipiter cirrocephalus*, Collared Sparrow Hawk.  
*Uroaetus audax*, Wedge-tailed Eagle.  
*Hieraetus morphnoides*, Little Eagle.  
*Haliastur sphenurus*, Whistling Eagle.  
*Milvus korschun affinis*, Allied Kite.  
*Falco longipennis*, Little Falcon.  
*Falco hypoleucus*, Grey Falcon.  
*Notofalco subniger*, Black Falcon.  
*Ieracidea berigora*, Striped Brown Hawk.  
*Cerchneis cenchroides*, Nankeen Kestrel.  
*Spiloglaux boobook marmorata*, Marbled Owl.  
*Tyto alba delicatula*, Masked Owl.  
*Ducorpsius gymnopsis*, Bare-eyed Cockatoo.  
*Eolophus roseicapillus*, Rose-breasted Cockatoo.  
*Leptolophus auricomis*, Cockatoo-Parrot.  
*Barnardius barnardi whitei*, South Australian Mallee Parrot.  
*Psephotus varius rosinae*, Southern Many-coloured Parrot.  
*Northiella haematogaster xanthorrhoea*, Yellow-vented Parrot.  
*Neonanodes elegans*, Grass Parrot.  
*Melopsittacus undulatus*, Shell Parrot.  
*Podargus strigoides rossi*, Mallee Frogmouth.  
*Aegotheles cristata*, Owlet Nightjar.  
*Cyanalcyon pyrrhopygius*, Red-backed Kingfisher.  
*Cosmacrops ornatus*, Australian Bee-eater.  
*Eurostopoðus argus*, Spotted Nightjar.  
*Heteroscenes pallidus*, Pallid Cuckoo.  
*Hirundo neæna*, Welcome Swallow.  
*Cheramoeca leucosternum stonei*, Eastern Black and White Swallow.  
*Hylochelidon nigricans caleyi*, Tree Martin.

- Lagenoplastes ariel*, Fairy Martin.  
*Whiteornis goodenovii*, Southern Red-capped Robin.  
*Melanodryas cucullata vigorsi*, Southern Hooded Robin.  
*Smicrornis brevirostris viridescens*, Greenish Tree-tit.  
*Lewinornis rufiventris maudeae* (S.A. White), Central Australian Rufous-breasted Thickhead.  
*Rhipidura flabellifera whitei*, South Australian Fantail.  
*Leucocircia tricolour*, Black and White Fantail.  
*Seisura inquieta*, Restless Flycatcher.  
*Pteropodocys maxima*, Eastern Ground Cuckoo Shrike.  
*Coracina novaehollandiae melanops*, Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike.  
*Lalage tricolor*, White-shouldered Caterpillar-eater.  
*Cinclosoma castanotum*, Chestnut-backed Ground Bird.  
*Hylacola sp.*, Ground Wren.  
*Sphenostoma cristatum*, Wedgebill.  
*Morganornis superciliosus*, White-browed Babbler.  
*Pomatostomus ruficeps*, Chestnut-crowned Babbler.  
*Cinclorhamphus cruralis*, Brown Song Lark.  
*Epthianura albifrons*, White-fronted Chat.  
*Parepthianura tricolor*, Tricoloured Chat.  
*Aurepthianura aurifrons*, Orange-fronted Chat.  
*Ashbyia lovensis*, Desert Chat.  
*Acanthiza lineata?* . . Southern Striated Tit.  
*Acanthiza uropygialis condora*, Pale Chestnut-rumped Tit.  
*Acanthiza pusilla hamiltoni*, Red-rumped Tit.  
*Geobasileus chrysorrhous addendus*, Port Augusta Yellow-rumped Tit.  
*Hallornis cyanotus*, White-winged Wren.  
*Leggeornis lamberti assimilis*, Purple-backed Wren.  
*Artamus leucorhynchus*, White-rumped Wood Swallow.  
*Campbellornis personatus munna*, Masked Wood Swallow.  
*Campbellornis superciliosus*, White-browed Wood-Swallow.  
*Austrartamus melanops*, Black-faced Wood-Swallow.  
*Grallina cyanoleuca*, Magpie Lark.  
*Colluricincla harmonica victoriae*, Grey Shrike Thrush.  
*Gymnorhina tibicen*, Black-backed Magpie.  
*Bulestes torquatus ethelae*, Southern Butcher Bird.  
*Oreoica cristata clelandi*, Southern Crested Bell-bird.  
*Aphelocephala leucopsis whitei*, White-face.  
*Austroicaeum hirundinaceum*, Mistletoe Bird.  
*Pardalotinus striatus ornatus*, Red-tipped Pardalote.  
*Cissomela nigra*, Black Honey-eater.  
*Gliciphila albifrons*, White-fronted Honey-eater.

- Certhionyx variegatus*, Pied Honey-eater.  
*Meliphaga sonora*, Southern Singing Honey-eater.  
*Lichenostomus ornatus*, Yellow-plumed Honey-eater.  
*Ptilotula penicillata leiluvulensis*, Cloncurry White-plumed Honey-eater.  
*Myzantha flavigula*, Yellow-throated Minah.  
*Coleia carunculata tregellasi*, Victorian Yellow Wattle Bird.  
*Acanthagenys rufogularis cygnus*, Southern Spiny-cheeked Honey-eater.  
*Anthus australis adelaidensis*, Southern Pipit.  
*Taeniopygia castanotis*, Chestnut-eared Finch.  
*Corvus coronoides*, Australian Raven.  
*Corvus bennetti*, Small-billed Crow.

#### INTRODUCED.

- Passer domesticus*, Sparrow.  
*Sturnus vulgaris*, Starling.

Of the above one hundred and thirty-six Native birds observed, 70 are known to breed in this locality.

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