

Notes on the Frogmouth.

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Some interesting notes upon the Mallee Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides rossi* Mathews), have come under my notice, which further bear out my contention that this bird does not say "more pork." Miss K. N. Powell of the Woodville High School, states:—"We had a rather uncommon bird, a pōdargus, or frogmouth, for about seven years. It was queer-looking in a way, had large yellow eyes, and soft feathers like those of an owl. It loved company, and at night would often sit on our dining-room window-sill. Twice when we had left it alone, and were sitting in another room, it came up the hall, and joined us. If alarmed he would stretch out his feathers, or rather flatten them along his body, so that he looked like a dead branch of a tree. Sometimes he would fluff himself out full, and the calls he made were somewhat similar to the noise of a motor bicycle. Occasionally we put a hand mirror down and let him stand on it, and he would perch and gaze down at himself for about twenty minutes at a time."