

Mr. Edwin Ashby, of Blackwood, in the Mount Lofty Ranges—"Owing to the heavy flowering of the peppermint gums (*Eucalyptus odorata*) and the blue gum (*E. leucosylon*) all the common Honey-eaters and Lorikeets have been about, in exceptional numbers, though the Blue Mountains (*T. novae-hollandiae*) are less numerous than they were, owing to the orchards having been cleared of fruit. About the second week in May, Regent Honey-eaters (*Zanthoniza phrygia*) put in an appearance, and have been very numerous since, their call note being heard continually throughout the day.

I heard the Fantailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis rubricatus*) on the 26th, but there are very few about, or they are not calling freely.

A stranger appeared on the 29th, in the form of the Spiny-cheeked Honey-eater (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*).—This is so essentially a plain or dry country bird that its occurrence in these hills is of especial interest.

The usual autumnal visit of the Adelaide Rosellas (*Platycercus elegans adalaidae*) occurred early in the month.

The Tawny-crowned Honey-eater (*Gliciphila melanops chandleri*) appear to be more numerous than usual, and we have heard their charming whistle for the last two or three months.