

Description of New Wren.

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Eyre Peninsula Chestnut-shouldered Wren (*Leggeornis, lamberti eyrei*) Sub.-Sp. Nov. (Mellor).

Type locality—Warunda Creek, Eyre Peninsula, S.A. 11th October, 1909.

This recording of a new wren for Eyre Peninsula, S.A., is but an illustration of the absolute necessity of securing specimens for comparison from different districts, and not trusting to the eyesight while the birds are "on the wing." The species under consideration has been erroneously set down by Mr. Robert Hall as *-M. lamberti assimilis* in his list of birds identified on Eyre Peninsula during the camp-out at Warunda Creek, in connection with the 9th Congress of the Royal Australian Ornithologists' Union, October, 1909, the identification having been hurriedly made from an immature male. but in a recent and more careful examination of two males secured by me on that occasion, and on comparison with other members of the *Maluri*, I find that the Eyre Peninsula bird is quite different from other species, it appearing to be a connecting link between *Leggeornis lamberti assimilis*, of South Australia, and *Leggeornis elegans* of Western Australia, inasmuch as the upper surface corresponds exactly with the former, and the under surface with the latter species, the distinguishing part being the throat and chest, which, instead of being black as in *Leggeornis lamberti assimilis*, has a decided dark blue tinge over the feathers. This is seen to advantage when held in certain lights, it being more nearly allied to *lamberti*. I propose the sub-specific name of *Leggrornis lamberti eyrei*. It is a fine, robust bird. the measurements in inches of the type specimen, which is in my collection, being--Total length, 5.56, Tail, 2.73; Wing, 1.91; Bill, 0.40; Tarsus, .85.