

MAY, 1921.

Mr. J. W. Mellor, reports—With the fine rain after the long dry spell, the birds have been greatly benefited, especially the Magpies, Laughing Jackasses, and others whose food consists of the larger insect forms.

May 14th.—I was pleased to note *Littlera chrysoptera phoenicea* (Flame-breasted Robin) in open country, the first of the season at the Reedbeds. It was a male bird searching for insects. The day previous I saw *Anthochaera chrysoptera intermedia* (Brush Wattle-Bird) at Lockleys; this I was pleased to note, for although it is permanently established at Fulham, where it breeds freely, I seldom see it here.

On several occasions I have noted a Thickhead in its dull plumage at Lockleys, being either a female or immature male of *Pachycephala pectoralis fuliginosa* (South Australian Yellow-breasted Thickhead) was calling as it hopped about in the fruit trees in search of insect food.