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Some of the visitors to this district have left us during the month, notably the large Wattle Birds and the Musk and Purple-crowned Lorikeets.

The Striped Diamond Bird (*Pardalotus striatus subaffinis*) has been about in the large gum trees, and was noted first on April 6.

April 7.—Female of the Red-capped Robin (*Whiteornis goodenovii*) was noted at Lockleys, but no male was present.

April 10.—Although the Murray Magpies (*Grallina cyanoleuca*) are quite common, and nest near the house, I have never seen them so plentiful as now. On the evening of the 10th I flushed quite a number from a small bushy tree where they

had congregated to roost for the night. In all there were about twenty.

April 11.—I was pleased to note several Red-backed Parrots (*Psephotus haematonotus*) feeding on the ground amongst the grass, showing that these old friends have come to stay. The Pale-headed Rosella that arrived last month was associating with them. This Rosella Parrot has quite made his home at Mellor Park, and comes down to drink from the wild birds' water-pot not far from the back door.

On the same day several Brown-headed Honey-eaters (*Melithreptus atricapillus mallee*) were flying in a small flock. A small covey of White-browed Babblers (*Morganornis superciliosus*) were very inquisitive, and hopped right up to where I stood.

April 14.—Although the Shrike-tit (*Falcunculus frontatus flavigulus*) is not a common bird, no fewer than three came to drink out of the water-pot, where next day I also noted a Black-chinned Honey-eater (*Melithreptus gularis loftyi*).

April 22.—A female Flame-breasted Robin (*Littleraphoenicea albicans*) flitting about in search of insects.

On April 25 quite an invasion of Welcome Swallows (*Hirundo neoxina*) was witnessed, the rain having brought out many gnats and flies, which attracted them in quite large numbers.