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—By J. W. Mellor, Lockleys.—

I noted a number of the Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrikes (*Graucalus novae-hollandiae*) at Lockleys eating the fruit of the Small-leaved Moreton Bay Fig (*Ficus microphylla*). The birds swallowed the figs whole, in the same manner as the Fruit Pigeons do in Queensland. These birds are also partial to grapes, which are eaten whole. Consequently their appetites are soon satisfied, and not much fruit taken.

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Several Adelaide Rosellas (*Platyccercus elegans*) were about, but did not stay long.

On February 7th several Southern Singing Honey-eaters (*Meliphaga virescens*) were seen.

I was pleased to see several females or males out of plumage of the Southern Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovi*) in the more open country at Lockleys.

The Boobook Owl (*Ninox boobook*) that used to roost near the Park gate was so disturbed by the school-children that he shifted his quarters recently, and took up a position in the old stables, where he is safe from the passers-by.

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