

—By Edwin Ashby, "Wittunga," Blackwood.—

From February until the present time small numbers of Swift Lorikeets (*Lathamus discolor*) have been seen from time to time. They roost in Peppermints, and, although there is unlimited honey about, appear to be feeding on the seeds of that tree, as in other years. This is by several months the earliest we have ever noticed them in this district. All the Lorikeets—*multicolor*, *concinna*, *porphyrocephala*, and *pusilla*—have been numerous. The two former have

been very destructive to the fruit in the district. The last mentioned (*pusilla*) has been only in small numbers.

Early in March a Mountain Thrush (*Oreocincla lunulata*) spent about ten days in my garden, hunting for insects in the soft ground of a well-watered rockery. This is the first time this bird has been noted in my garden, or, in fact, in the immediate neighbourhood of Blackwood.

For the last two months the Honey-eaters have been most numerous, and it is delightful to watch them drinking water out of the "Skinner system nozzles." I have a high overhead spraying pipe, and early in the morning and in the later afternoon this is visited by large numbers, often a dozen being on the bar at once, comprising several different species. The following is a list of the visitors at this temperance bar:—*Meliphaga penicillata*, *Zanthoniza phrygia*, *Meliornis novae-hollandiae*, *Glyciphila melanops*, *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*, *Anthochaera carunculata*, *Meliphaga chrysops*. The last mentioned is not common, and is a little difficult of identification. I thought I heard the Spiny-cheeked (*A. rufogularis*), but have not noted it since, so this is a little doubtful, but quite likely.