

NOVEMBER, 1923.

Mr. J. W. Mellor, Lockleys, reported:—On 6th November I was very pleased to note a Nankeen Night Heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*) calling in one of the big gum-trees, where it was roosting. The Little Falcons (*Falco longipennis*) were actively flying early in the month, much to the concern of the small birds. On 4th November I noted several Yellow-winged Honey-eaters (*Meliornis novae-hollandiae*) about; they are not common here. The two Galahs (*Cacatua roseicapilla*) are still about in the back paddocks, although I think their nesting must have been interrupted. The Wagtails (*Rhipidura leucophrys*) hatched out their young on 4th November and have been busy carrying food, and on the 23rd inst. the young left the nest. The parent birds had a very strenuous time, as the storms that have raged during the month swayed the drooping bough about in an alarming way, but they bravely stuck to their duty, and were rewarded by bringing up the little family. The most pleasant surprise for the month was the presence of a pair of Crested Bronzewing Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*). I had for several days past heard a low cooing, and on the 27th saw one of these Pigeons, apparently the hen, in the yard, pecking about where the fowls had been, and she was picking up little sticks and gum-leaves. This looked a likely sign for nesting, and next day I was still more pleased to see another bird with her, and my suppositions were confirmed. I hear them continuously cooing in a low voice in one particular spot in the thick pine boughs, so presume that all is well, and shall be careful to see that they receive all the protection needed.

Dr. Morgan mentioned that on 20th October, 1923, he had seen the dead body of a *Puffinus carneipes*, the Fleshy-footed Shearwater, or Petrel, on the beach at Goolwa.
