

By Mr. J. Sutton, Netherby.

The birds noted during this month were similar to those given for June. Pallid Cuckoo—First noted on 3rd instant, at 9.5 a.m., when two birds were calling, one giving the short call and the other “the scale” call. Since that date this species has been heard daily and occasionally during the night—on one night a bird called for hours. Fantailed Cuckoo—Heard twice during the month—at 6.37 a.m. on 10th instant, and 6.12 a.m. on 23rd instant. Narrow-billed Bronze Cuckoo—Heard on many days during the month. Boobook Owl—Has been calling on many nights. Stone Plover—Have been heard on eight days, chiefly in the very early morning, but have been heard twice in the evening. I have not been able to ascertain whether they are wild birds or not. Flame Robin—On 4th August, at 12 noon, a male bird was seen on a fallen tree in a paddock, and close to the main road. My attention was directed to the bird by its singing. The song was much stronger and longer in duration than that of the Scarlet Robin. Generally the call of the Flame Robin is very short and very indistinct. This occasion was the first on which I had noted this species at Netherby this year. Willie Wagtails—Are evidently nesting, as the birds have begun to sing at night-time during this month.