

Bird Notes.

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On the 27th ultimo we had a fall of about 67 points of rain, and a few days later most of the birds started nest-building. A few birds had nested prior to the rain, and I have seen several hatchings—Black-backed Magpies, with two young ones. A pair of White-backed Swallows made their nest in a hole in the side of the well which is situated in the waterhole, and as the rain partly filled the waterhole the birds will have to start over again. I found a Tree-Martin's nest in a hollow limb of a tree with two young ones in it. Since the rain I have seen a few Channel-bill Cuckoos, Black Cockatoos, Galahs, Bare-eyed Cockatoos, Cockatoo Parrots, Budgerygahs, Bustards, Bee-eaters, White-shouldered Caterpillar-eaters (two only), Pardalotes, Crimson Chats, Orange Chats, Native Companions, Emus (in flocks of 40 birds), Southern Stone-Plovers, Red-kneed Dotterels, Straw-necked Ibis, Yellow-billed Spoonbills, Black Swans, Pied Geese, Maned Geese; the following Ducks:—Plumed Whistling, Mountain, Black, Grey Teal, Blue-winged Shoveller, Pink-eared, Freckled, and White-eyed; Little Pied Cormorant, Australian Pelican, Wedge-tailed Eagles, Whistling Eagles, Fork-tailed Kites, Black Falcon, Willie-Wagtails, Cinnamon Ground-Bird, Magpie-Larks, Yellow-throated Miners, Zebra Finches, Ravens, and Crows.