

Albatross, although less good, are not for that reason to be disdained. The Oyster-catcher, the 'Goueland,' the Booby, and the Gulls are scarcely worth catching. I do not doubt that in the mating and eggng seasons other species than those of which I mention frequent these shores, where they appear to enjoy perfect security. The land-birds that we have met with in the islands of the channel (*i.e.*, D'Entrecasteaux Channel) and upon the mainland are not very numerous, and they were so shy and difficult to approach that I was led to believe that they are often chased by the aborigines. The commonest species are the Parrots, blue-headed and yellow-breasted, and another kind with red wings and green plumage; the latter is much smaller than the former, which is as large as a dove, and very beautiful. The Eagle, the Hawk, the Crow, the Magpie, the Cuckoo ('le Coucou'), 'la Pigrieche,' 'la Grieve,' the Blackbird ('le Merle'), the Partridge ('la Perdrix'), and the Quail are only rarely met with, and it was only with difficulty that we were able to obtain specimens of these species. We have also met with several kinds of small birds which were unknown to me, of which the plumage is nicely shaded ('bien nuancé'), and the song agreeable. All those which we have procured are included in the collection of Citizen Maugé (one of the scientific staff), and I hope that they will augment the number already collected in the National Museum. The beautiful Golden-winged Pigeon, of which Anderson speaks, was so rare here that we obtained only one specimen."

It must be remembered that Baudin was not a trained zoologist. Several of his words are puzzling. What Tasmanian bird did he call the Cuckoo, for instance, and what the Blackbird? What are the "Pigrieche," the "Grieve," and the "Goueland gris?" It should be noted that the French ships were in Tasmanian waters during January and February, 1802.

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## Bird Day.

THE first celebration of Bird Day has been successfully carried out in New South Wales. The second celebration in South Australia and the third in Victoria have assisted in firmly establishing the present keen interest that is being displayed by Australians in the rich and varied avifauna of this great island-continent.

In New South Wales the Gould League of Bird Lovers has been established, and an appropriate certificate has been issued. (See Plate XXVII.—one-third original size.)

In South Australia new bird clubs are constantly being added to the list. Creditable work is being done in connection with the education of pupils and teachers by the publication of special Bird Day articles. A special Bird Day number of *The School Paper* was also issued. Mr. A. G. Edquist keeps the matter constantly before the children by his attractively-written columns in *The Children's Hour*.



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BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE

"I hereby promise to protect all birds except those that are noxious  
and to refrain from the unnecessary collection of wild birds' eggs.

Signed

In New South Wales a special supplement of *The Teachers' Gazette*, containing four coloured plates, was issued. This contained interesting and valuable articles by well-known writers and ornithologists. Special Bird Day school papers were issued for October. A public meeting, attended by far more than the hall could accommodate, was presided over by the Chief Inspector, Mr. Dawson, the president of the Gould League of Bird Lovers of New South Wales.

In Victoria the chief feature was the special issue of *The School Paper* containing original articles by members of the R.A.O.U.; special lectures and addresses by bird lovers, headed by Mr. J. A. Leach, M.Sc., Inspector of Nature Study, to the senior pupils; and excursions to the Zoological Gardens, under the leadership of such ardent ornithologists as Dr. Geo. Horne, his niece, Miss Bowie, and Mr. E. Brooke Nicholls.

From each school reports were forwarded to the Education Department. These are of great value to the members of the Union, for the first list gives the birds seen on Bird Day, the second a copy of the school bird-list to date. These lists will provide much valuable matter for the student of the migratory and nomadic movements of birds.

The Union views with approval the work of the Bird Observers' Club, the South Australian Ornithological Association, and the Gould League of Bird Lovers, with their thousands of members, and anticipates that the efforts to protect our native birds will be much more successful because of the weight of public opinion created by so many intelligent enthusiasts, who can appreciate the beauty, the song, the interest, and the value of the most remarkable avifauna of any land in the world.

In addition to the metropolitan area, excellent Bird Day celebrations were held in the provinces, notably at Geelong (where Mr. C. F. Belcher addressed 1,200 scholars in the Eastern Gardens), Tallangatta, Elmore, and Maryborough. At the last-mentioned place Mr. A. H. Chisholm addressed both East and West schools. At the former a pretty poem on "The Honey-eater," specially written for the occasion by Miss C. B. Coutts, was recited. The veteran bird observer, Mr. Isaac Batey, and Mr. D. C. Swan took Drouin and Drouin West schools respectively, and Mr. L. C. Cook Poowong, with happy results, while Mr. G. E. Shepherd did yeoman service on the Mornington Peninsula, addressing schools or public meetings at Somerville, Tyabb, Frankston, Mornington, and Dandenong.

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**Rhipidura (fulvifrons) mayi**, Ashby (*vide Emu*, vol. xi., p. 41).—I have recently received a series of this Flycatcher, which might be known as the "Northern Rufous Fantail," from Mr. May, from the same locality as the last, and they are all true to type, thus proving that the distinctive characteristics were not due to immaturity.—EDWIN ASHBY. Adelaide, 12/12/11.