

came through private sources, which are generally looked upon with suspicion.

An instance was given regarding the woods which have been felled, where the insects swarming to the newly-cut stumps were so overwhelming in their numbers that it will be impossible to use those same woods for years unless the birds are allowed to save them.—*The Queen*, 23/3/18.

Description of a New Sub-species of *Hylacola pyrrhopygia* (Vig. & Hors.)

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THROUGH the courtesy of Mr. H. L. White, of Belltrees, I was enabled to exhibit before the Bird Observers' Club of Victoria, on 22nd March, 1917, skins of a mature male and an immature male and female, collected by Mr. T. P. Austin at Cobbora, New South Wales, on 7th October, 1916 (see *Emu*, vol. xvi., part 3, p. 161).

The mature bird differs from typical specimens of *H. pyrrhopygia* collected near Sydney in being much paler above and below. The eyebrow is much whiter, the black centre of the throat and breast feathers is not so dark, and is more linear; the chestnut under tail coverts are broadly tipped with white, and the tips of the outer tail feathers are whiter and broader. This bird is also much larger than the typical *H. pyrrhopygia* collected near Sydney.

Habitat.—Cobbora, New South Wales.

Type specimens now in the H. L. White Collection, National Museum, Melbourne.

I propose that this race be scientifically known as *Hylacola pyrrhopygia magna*, and in the vernacular as Large Ground-Wren.

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"The Birds of Dirk Hartog Island and Peron Peninsula, Shark Bay, Western Australia, 1916-17," by Thomas Carter, with nomenclature and remarks by Gregory M. Mathews. *Ibis* (10th series), vol. v., No. 4.

Mr. Carter records 38 land-birds and 17 sea-birds and waders met with on Dirk Hartog Island, and 32 land-birds and 20 sea-birds on Peron Peninsula. Dirk Hartog Island is of special interest as the type locality of the Black-and-White Wren (*Malurus leucopterus*) and the Grass-Wren (*Diaphorillas textilis*), which were discovered there by Quoy and Gaimard on the voyage of

the *Uranie* in 1818. Since that date no ornithologist had visited the island, and Mr. Carter was successful in obtaining specimens of both these birds. Six birds from Dirk Hartog Island and one from Peron Peninsula are described as new sub-species, including an Emu-Wren (*Stipiturus malachurus hartogi*), of which a coloured plate is given. A coloured plate is also given of the White-winged and White-backed Wrens, which the authors regard as being of the same species (*Malurus cyanotus*).

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This number is almost entirely devoted to Australasian birds. It contains the following articles:—"Notes on the Egg of Mantell's Apteryx," by Dr. G. Renshaw; "Notes on the White-browed Wood-Swallow," by R. T. Littlejohns and S. A. Lawrence; "Bird Talk," by An Old Australian Bird-Lover; and reprints of articles by the late A. J. North and of an article on "The Songs of Australian Birds."

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Notes on the more interesting of the 104 species met with in the garden of "Belltrees," Scone, N.S.W., with observations on their habits.

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A most valuable contribution to our knowledge of the birds of the interior of Australia. One hundred and six species were collected or recorded during the expedition. A new Tree-creeper (*Climacteris waitei*) discovered on the Cooper was described in *The Emu*, xvi., p. 168, and figured in vol. xvii., plate i., and an account of the finding of the nest of the Desert Chat was given in vol. xvi., p. 165. Captain White states that, with the exception of Bare-eyed and Rose-breasted Cockatoos and Shell Parrakeets, the paucity of bird-life in the region visited was remarkable, even though the season was an exceptionally good one. He attributes this to overstocking and the ravages of rabbits, together with droughts, which have largely destroyed the native vegetation, and he thinks there is no chance of its recovering its original condition. Most of the birds met with were such as are characteristic of arid regions, or of the water-holes of the interior. The Desert Chat (*Ashbyia lovensis*) and the Black-banded Whiteface (*Aphelocephala nigricincta*), previously only known from the region between Oodnadatta and the Macdonnell Ranges, were both met with, so that their known range is largely increased. It is somewhat surprising to find the names of three familiar sea-birds—the Caspian and Crested Terns and the Silver Gull—on the list of birds met with on the water-holes so far inland. Under the title "In the Far North-East," Capt. White has reprinted a popular account of the expedition contributed by him to the *Register*, and illustrated it with numerous photographs. This most interesting booklet will be read with much pleasure by all Australian ornithologists.