

Hylochelidon nigricans, Australian Tree-Martin.—1851 (summer), one (flight seen) Wakapauka, Nelson, B.B., I., 75; 1856 (March 14), one, Cape Farewell, Nelson (Otago M.), B.B., I., 74; 1861, several seen near Chch., Cant. (T. H. Potts), Jour. Sc., II., 274; 1878 (June 9), one seen near Blenheim, Marl. (Buller), Trans., XI., 360; 1879 (Feb. 16), one near Blenheim (Bul. Col.), B.B., I., 75; 1892 (spring), two or three dozen seen Cape Farewell, Nelson, Trans., XXVII., 109; 1892-3 (spring-summer), large number visited N.Z.; reported a pair bred at Oamaru, Otago (Buller), Trans., XXVII., 108; 1896 (about), two seen, Mokohinau, Nelson. Has been noted at Westport for several years in succession (Townson), Trans., XXXI., 23; Mathews & Iredale (*Ibis*, 1913) ask that all specimens obtained be re-examined, and it should be decided whether they all belong to the typical sub-species or whether some are referable to *H.n.australis*, the Tasmanian sub-species. Accidental visitor.

Coracina robusta, Little Cuckoo-Shrike.—1869 (about), one, Motueka, Nelson (Nel. M.) (Hutton), Trans., V., 226; 1870 (Apr. 8), one, Invercargill, Sthd. (Dom. M.) (Hutton), Trans., V., 226; 1904 (June 11), one, Rabbit Is., Cant. (Cant. M.) (Hutton), Trans., XXXVII., 350. Accidental visitor. Mathews & Iredale (*Ibis*, 1913, p. 442), concluded that the New Zealand records of *Graucalus melanops* were referable to *Coracina robusta*. In the Checklist of the Birds of Australia, 1926, *Coracina novae-hollandiae* (*G. melanops*), is recorded as the species reported from New Zealand. Was Mathews & Iredale's finding overlooked or their decision not upheld?

Anthochaera carunculata, Red Wattle-Bird.—1855 (about), one, Matakana, Auck. (Auck. M.) (Buller), Trans., I., 56; 1885 (about), one, Rohutu, Tar. (Buller), Trans., XVI., 313. The first record was not allowed by Buller, but Mathews & Iredale apparently correctly reinstated it. Mathews & Iredale (*Ibis*, 1913) would like to know whether these stragglers belong to the typical sub-species which inhabits Queensland and New South Wales or to *C. c. tregellasi*, the form living in Victoria and South Australia. Accidental visitor.

Game Protection.

Much good should result from a pamphlet on "Game Protection," written for the Game Protection Society of Victoria by Mr. J. A. Ross, R.A.O.U. This address was broadcast from 3LO Melbourne by Dr. Norman McArthur on 30 October and 1 November, 1926, and no less than 50,000 copies have been distributed to senior scholars of the State schools. There being little "game" in Victoria apart from birds, it is with birds that Mr. Ross chiefly concerns himself in the address. He sets out the close seasons governing the shooting of various species (about 30 in number) and stresses the modern provision for the limitation of the number of birds that may be shot on one day. Mr. Ross strongly impeaches law-breakers who shoot birds in sanctuaries or during close seasons. Such men, he says, are blacklisted by Gun Clubs if convicted, and are debarred from taking part in shooting competitions. It is the opinion of Mr. Ross that, in spite of fires, foxes, cats, and other destructive agencies, certain species of game birds are not noticeably decreasing in Victoria. However, he does not advance that point as an excuse for laxity, but urges that every care should be taken to ensure that game laws are strictly observed.