

Little; Cinnamon Bushlark; the following Finches:—Red-eared Fire-tail, Painted, Black-ringed, Yellow-tailed, Pictorella, Blue-faced, Crimson, Pale-crimson, Black-tailed, Masked; Tooth-billed Bowerbird, all Bower-birds of the genus *Chlamydera*; Magnificent Rifle-bird; Little Crow; Grey, Brown, and Clinking Currawongs; all Butcher-birds except the Grey; Western and Black-backed Magpies.

Migrants and Others

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It is gratifying to record that a pair of Magpie-Larks (*Grallina cyanoleuca*) has been about the Devonport district for several weeks, and we hope that these elegant and useful birds will make their home here. About thirty years ago there was a small colony of Grallinas on Mr. Archer's estate near Longford; they nested there, but whether any members of that colony still survive I cannot say. The Devonport pair probably came across from Victoria (or from King Island, if the species occurs there) on the wings of one of the strong north-westerns we have had.

At the end of January this year a Fantailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) was trilling in a white-gum tree at the Mersey Bluff, and a Palid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) was calling on the Don Road at 5.30 a.m.; neither had been heard for several weeks previously. On 6th March a Fantailed Cuckoo was heard both trilling and whistling in a eucalypt near the cottage; and through almost the whole of May birds of this species which winter with us were uttering the trill call.

Small parties of Spine-tailed Swifts (*Hirundopus caudatus*) were observed on 14th and 15th March in late afternoon making towards the north-west, evidently about to cross Bass Strait. At the end of March Welcome Swallows (*Hirundo neoxena*) left, except the pair which winters under a town verandah; Pipits (*Anthus australis*) and adult Cuckoos (except the few resident individuals) went at the same period. On 1st April a number of Dusky Wood-Swallows (*Artamus cyanopterus*) were sitting about the fences of the Parade (Mersey Estuary), evidently preparing to depart, but by the middle of the month many were gathered on fences about a mile inland, between Don and Forth, so this species evidently leaves in batches, instead of clearing out suddenly, like Pipits and Welcome Swallows.

No Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrikes or Summer-Birds (*Coraena novæ-hollandiæ*) were seen after the end of March. Usually I have seen small parties during April, moving gradually towards the north-west, and feeding in the eucalypts as they make their autumn trek, but this elegant species has been scarcer on the coast this season.