

on the centre right of the picture is on the point of attacking the lizard. The birds are somewhat blurred with movement, as the shutter speed was only set at 1/25 of a second. The lizard made off when I attempted to change the plate. The lizard would, I think, be too small to injure the young Cuckoo, but would in all probability be capable of taking an egg or small nestling. Probably the lizard had no designs on the young Cuckoo, but was merely attacking it in a spirit of sportive playfulness. Mr. Kinghorn, R.A.O.U., of the Australian Museum, identified the lizard as a member of the genus *Hygosoma*, the species probably being *lesueurii*. He stated that the usual food is beetles and other insects.—NORMAN CHAFFER, R.A.O.U., Roseville.

**Migrants in 1929.**—Although not strictly a migrant, the Brush Wattle-bird (*Anthocæra chrysoptera*) is very nomadic. On June 23, 1929, the queer guttural calls of this species were heard in blue gums on the Don Road, Devonport, from which the birds have been absent six months. On the morning of June 26, fine and sunny after a cold night, a pair of "Summer-birds" or Black-faced Cuckoo Shrikes (*Coracina novæ-hollandiæ*), in all probability the pair that usually winters in the district, was observed flying across a grass paddock in the town-boundary.

August 19.—The first Pipit (*Anthus australis*) of the season was noticed at the edge of a grass paddock near the beach; fine, calm, sunny morning. This is the first of the species seen since the end of March, when they left.

August 27.—Pair of Welcome Swallows (*Hirundo neoxena*) flying along the bank of the Mersey Estuary; sunny spring morning.

September 8.—The Fantailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) was heard trilling to-day, and on September 11 the Cuckoo-Shrike was uttering its rapid whirring call.

September 24.—Both the Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) and the Satin Flycatcher (*Myiagra cyanoleuca*) were heard to-day, and on September 25 several of the "Satins" were noted at Latrobe, six miles up the river.

October 6.—Several pairs of Grass-Parrots (*Neophema*) by roadside near beach, probably arrived from over the Strait early this morning.

October 27.—The Bronze Cuckoo was heard for the first time to-day.

December 8.—Some pairs of Dusky Wood-Swallows (*Artamus cyanopterus*) were noted among the white gums at Mersey Bluff this morning, but few stay in this locality now, as they get much disturbed by the number of visitors. Some years ago these small gums and the imported pines were much used for nesting by this species.—H. STUART-DOVE, R.A.O.U., Tas.