

birds in the same district, when an atmospheric disturbance was pending.

No Welcome Swallows have been seen in Devonport since April 19, when I saw two pairs flitting along by the banks of the Mersey, nor any Pipits in the paddocks, or about the roadsides.

Notes on the White-headed Sittella.—The White-headed Sittella (*Neositta leucocephala*) is by no means uncommon in the Oakey district, Queensland. It is known locally as the "Diamond Woodpecker," a title to which it has no just claim. However, precedent worries the average amateur very little when it comes to naming birds, as A. H. Chisholm, R.A.O.U., once said. It is a friendly little bird, and is seen in flocks of from about four to twelve among the open forest growth, where it obtains its food in the manner characteristic of the family *Sittidæ*. I have frequently watched a flock at work among the branches from a distance of about 8 or 10 feet. The bird will not, however, return to its nest in the presence of an intruder. The neat little nest is made of cobwebs and lined with moss. The outside is covered over with small pieces of bark from the tree, for purposes of concealment. The nest shown in the accompanying photograph was placed in a small upright fork about 55 or 60 feet from the ground. At this height the nest is, of course, very difficult to find, though the average height is about 25 feet.—A. C. CAMERON, R.A.O.U., Biddeston, Oakey, Qld.

Nest of White-eared Honeyeater in unusual situation.—Built in the middle of a huge tussock of giant oat grass in a creek-bed, a nest of the White-eared Honeyeater (*Meliphaga leucotis*), was thickly lined with rock wallaby's fur. I had to bend the grass blades aside in order to photograph the nest. This disturbed the sitting bird, which returned to the eggs as soon as I retired a few yards with my camera. This bird can play the "broken wing trick" very cleverly, tumbling to the ground and fluttering along just ahead of a pursuer. This photograph was taken on July 31, 1928—locality: Blackdown.—C. H. JERRARD, R.A.O.U., Qld.