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Genus **Fuligula** Stephens, 1824, tautotype *Anas fuligula* Linné.

Zeafulix sub-gen. nov. Type *Anas novæseelandiæ* Gm.

The type of this new genus differs from the type of *Fuligula* in lacking the long head crest.

Zeafulix novæseelandiæ novæseelandiæ (Gm.). South Island.

Zeafulix novæseelandiæ maui sub-sp. nov. North Island.

Z. n. maui differs from *Anas novæseelandiæ* Gm., 1789, in being longer in the wing, and in being darker above and below, with obsolete grey specklings on the scapulars. The wing measurement of South Island birds is about 180 mm., that of birds from the North Island 186 to 190 mm. Type in the British Museum.

Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus malacorhynchus (Gm.). South Island.

Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus hymenolaimus sub-sp. nov. North Island.

H. m. hymenolaimus differs from *Anas malacorhynchus* Gm., 1789, in having a longer wing and in having the chestnut markings more pronounced. North Island birds have a wing measurement of 247 mm. or more: birds from the South Island have a wing measurement of from 236 to 240 mm. Type in the British Museum. Perhaps this bird should be in a sub-family and called *Hymenolaiminæ*.

The Brown Songlark.—This bird (*Cinclorhamphus cruralis*) is a regular migrant to the wheat areas to the south and west of Red Cliffs. It makes its presence known in September by its noisy and curious notes. Although I have frequently searched, I have not succeeded in finding a nest in a wheat crop. Like most birds of this type, the Songlark alights some distance from the nest and continued observation of the bird and close search are necessary in order to locate a nest. The bird in the illustration was very shy. The nest itself was well hidden and it was not possible to show it in the photograph without unduly disturbing the surrounding growth.—L. G. CHANDLER, Red Cliffs, Vic., 1/6/37.



Brown Songlark leaving nest under grass tussock.

Photo. by L. G. Chandler.