

ACCOUNT

LIABILITIES

Nil.

Balance £1,074 15 11

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Audited and found correct.

H. E. D. STEVENS, for Hon. Auditor.

September 30, 1937.

Winter Notes for 1937.—A striking feature of the winter just past was the number of Fantailed Cuckoos (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) which remained in the district. One saw them about most of the gardens, on fences, and on overhead wires, looking plump and well-fed, and yet it was a very cold season and almost a record for the number of white frosts. In June we had 17 frosts, in July 7, and in August, 4, while at Zeehan (west coast) 23 frosts in succession were recorded. The atmosphere, however, was so dry that residents were running short of water, a thing almost unheard of in winter on that coast. A strange point about the Cuckoos is, that while the comparatively delicate-looking Fantailed Cuckoo stays with us, the robust Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) disappears entirely, not an individual being seen.

Two "Summer-birds" (*Coracina novæ-hollandiæ*) were noted on July 4, one in a small tree, the other on a paddock fence, there being a strong white frost that morning; these were the first of the species seen by me in the winter-season for a good many years, although a couple of years ago a friend reported a pair in the scrub near the beach at East Devonport in July.

A pair of Pipits (*Anthus australis*) was noted in a grass paddock early in May, several weeks after the main body had migrated.

Some Golden Whistlers (*Pachycephala pectoralis*) were calling with notes ending with a subdued "whip-crack" in my garden wattles during the last week of August, and on August 27 a party of "Summer-birds" was heard "purring" in the white gums.

The Fantailed Cuckoos began calling with the "trill" note on August 21—up to that date they were silent. No Pallid or Bronze-Cuckoos have been seen or heard up to the date of writing, but the Welcome Swallows had arrived on August 30, a few days later than usual. Flame-breasted Robins (*Petroica phoenicea*) in splendid plumage, were noted on July 4, there being a strong white frost that morning.—H. STUART DOVE, Devonport, Tas., 3/9/37.