

Butler have been recognised by his nomination for the position of President of the R.A.O.U.

29/9/37. WILLIAM L. CROWTHER,
Branch Secretary.

Supplemental

Talking to Colonel J. E. C. Lord, Chairman of the Fauna Board, in reference to the Lyrebirds in our National Park, he told me that they have actually been seen, and that one or more are indubitably alive.

4/10/37.

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Records of Bird Movements.—In October, 1936, a printed sheet, containing a list of twelve common species of birds, was sent to each member of the R.A.O.U., with the request that details of arrivals and departure be added from the personal observation of the member. As seasonal movements of many of our common birds within Australia are very imperfectly known, it was the wish of Council to invite members to co-operate in compiling some data upon the matter.

The following is the list: Pallid Cuckoo, Golden Bronze-Cuckoo, Red-backed Kingfisher, Bee-eater, Dusky Wood-Swallow, Rufous Whistler, Rufous Fantail, Fairy Martin, Tree Martin, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Leaden Flycatcher, and Satin Flycatcher.

If unable to fill in an exact time-table, members should state approximately the time of movements where such occur in their districts. Possibly in some localities particular species occur throughout the whole year. One member has already submitted some notes (published elsewhere in this issue) in the form of a calendar, setting down those birds noticed on periodic visits to the countryside near Brisbane. By systematic visits to one favourable area, a piece of wild bush or a sanctuary, it is certain that some of the facts concerning the comings and goings of birds may be garnered. Practical bird observing of this interesting kind awaits the carrying out, and the Council requests members to make up the details as far as possible, and return the forms to the Hon. General Secretary at once. No matter how meagre the information, any definite record of the movements of the birds will be welcomed. Any other notable bird movement should also be included.

For particular consideration, do the Pallid Cuckoo, Dusky Wood-Swallow, and Satin Flycatcher all leave the island State of Tasmania in winter, and, if so, to where do they go? Recently a large flock of Tree-Martins was noticed at Wilson's Promontory.

There is no body of observers anywhere so well placed for observations of bird movements as are members of the R.A.O.U., and it is suggested that these records be continued for a further period.