

700. *Cracticus nigrogularis*. Pied Butcher-bird.—A pair was resident around the Lodge. There were others along the Beechmont Road. Their clear notes in the early morning, and sharp edged black-and-white pattern, were much admired.

702. *Cracticus torquatus*. Grey Butcher-bird.—Found in the eucalypts towards Egg Rock and Beechmont.

705. *Gymnorhina tibicen*. Black-backed Magpie.—A pair was always about the Lodge clearing, where they were reported nesting. It would be interesting to know if they were the same pair recorded nesting at the 1937 Camp-out.

Functions During Congress

An official morning stroll through the Botanic Gardens under the guidance of the Government Botanist, Mr. Cyril White, and the Curator, Mr. J. R. Bailey, was made interesting by the botanical instruction of those gentlemen and by the birds observed. Many of the visitors from the south, sojourning in Queensland for the first time, added new birds to their lists from observations made here and the environs of Brisbane generally, including the hilly country around Toowong. Morning tea served as an occasion for Congress visitors to become acquainted and to learn something of the outlook of Queenslanders towards conservation and matters horticultural. Members were received by Alderman Moon, Deputy Mayor, in the absence of the Lord Mayor.

As guests of the Queensland Naturalists Club visitors were welcomed and entertained at an evening meeting of the Club. Mr. C. E. Bryant addressed the meeting and presented a series of coloured illustrations of birds photographed by him, which he accompanied by a conversational 'lecture' dealing with his experiences in obtaining them and other bird photos.

An afternoon excursion to Sandgate, also under the guidance of the Naturalists Club, was productive of much of ornithological interest, chiefly among the swamp birds. The Lotus-bird was discovered breeding, one nest being but fifteen feet from the bank and close to neighbouring buildings. Waterhens and Swamp-hens were common and White-headed Stilts and Coots were observed nesting. Little Grebes dotted the water, and Cormorants flew around the edges. A single Darter was discovered out in the middle of one of the lagoons. Unfortunately Magpie-Geese that had been there recently had departed.

At the Camp-out two interesting evenings were provided by Mr. Arthur Groom, the manager of Binna Burra, who detailed experiences connected with the founding of the guest-house and also gave an interesting talk on his Central Australian experiences.