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Rose Robins in Geelong District.—Last September (1954) Trevor Pescott observed a pair of Rose Robins (Petroica rosea) apparently mated, at the You Yangs, and in June a specimen brought in by a cat in Geelong was sent to Mr. A. R. McEvey at the National Museum and identified as rosea. On August 21, 1955, at Maude, I saw a pair of rosea, and to-day in my own garden a female of the same species was present for more than half an hour. It was quite tame and several times I was within fifteen feet of the bird.

Mr. McEvey reported to me that rosea is unknown in the Geelong area and that Sir Charles Belcher failed to see it here during the thirty years he was observing in the district. H. A. Purnell, contemporary with Belcher, and many times working in his company, also failed to record the bird in this area, but was quite familiar with it east of Port Phillip.

It is remarkable that the Otways, approximately the same type of country as the Dandenongs, have never been populated by Petroica rosea.—P. J. Wood, Geelong, Vic., 26/8/55.