

presents the eastern outlier of a mallee-adapted stock from the south-west of the continent". Further evidence to support this would also support *ruficeps* as a good species.—A. MCE.

## News and Notes

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are requested to pay their subscriptions as early as possible in the new year. This facilitates the work of the Hon. Treasurer and obviates the sending out of notices. Whilst it is hoped that all members will retain their membership, nevertheless notification of intended resignation would be appreciated before the publication of part 1 of volume 58.

### MATERIAL ON HAND

A number of contributions has been held over on account of demands on space. These will be published as soon as practicable. Included is the account of the 1956 Camp-out at Dumbleyung, W.A., the manuscript of which was not received by the editor until after part 4, and most of part 5, of volume 57, had been set in type.

### BACK PARTS OF *Emu* WANTED

A member is desirous of purchasing vols. 1 to 30 inclusive of *The Emu*, either as a complete unit or in separate issues. Members with parts to sell should write to the Hon. Editor with particulars and stating prices.

### CONGRESS AND CAMP, 1958

As at present intended the 1958 Congress will be held in Brisbane, Qld., and the Camp at Noosa Heads. Details will be made available later.

### AUSTRALIAN NATURAL HISTORY MEDALLION

Although this is a belated notice, it is considered that members will be interested to learn that the 1956 award (made in mid-1957) of the medallion was made to our member, Dr. D. L. Serventy, for his ornithological and other biological research.

### REPLACEMENT ILLUSTRATION

Issued with this part is a reprint of plate 11 of the current volume, which was printed, without editorial cognizance, in incorrect fashion, as the frontispiece to part 4. The new printing of the plate should be substituted when parts are being bound.

### FOR SALE

A small and select library of Australian bird books, including Campbell's *Nests and Eggs*, Gould's *Handbook*, Bel-

cher's *Birds of Geelong*, etc. List available from Mrs. N. Copeland, 5 Virginia St., Mount Waverley, Victoria.

#### *The Emu* FOR NEW ZEALAND

The Ornithological Society of New Zealand is desirous of completing its set of *The Emu*, and has invited members of the R.A.O.U., both in Australia and New Zealand, to co-operate in efforts to obtain the missing parts. The parts required are as follows: vols. 1, 2 and 3 (all parts); vol. 7, parts 1 and 2; vols. 8, 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 36 (all parts); vol. 37, parts 2 and 3; vol. 38, part 1; vol. 39, parts 1 and 3. Members willing to donate any of the above volumes or parts are advised to communicate with the Hon. Librarian, O.S.N.Z., c/o Auckland Institute and Museum, Auckland, New Zealand.

### Correspondence

#### WOOD SANDPIPERS

To the Editor,

Sir,—In *The Emu*, vol. 57, p. 292, 1957, Julian R. Ford, with regard to a record of fourteen Wood Sandpipers (*Tringa glareola*) from two miles east of Lake Gundaring, W.A., states—"It is of interest to note that this record constitutes the largest group of Wood Sandpipers seen in Australia."

I would like to point out that there are published records of considerably larger flocks. In my paper 'Recent Observations on South Australian Migratory Waders' (*The Emu*, vol. 54 pp. 51-57, 1954) I reported flocks of up to 29 Wood Sandpipers from the River Torrens Outlet Channel, Fulham, S.A.

In a later paper, 'Migratory Waders 1953-54', (*The South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. 21, p. 55, 1955), I reported flocks of up to 23, and probably of 35 Wood Sandpipers from the same locality. In the latter instance a flock of 35 sandpipers, probably all Wood Sandpipers, flushed after 23 Wood Sandpipers had been counted on the ground.

By way of interest, the maximum numbers of Wood Sandpipers recorded by me from the River Torrens Outlet Channel during subsequent seasons were—

1954-5—20 birds on November 6, 1954.

1955-6—at least 4 birds on March 1, 1956.

1956-7—16 birds on January 23, 1957.

Yours, etc.

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Oct. 1, 1957.

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