### Anthochæra carunculata. Red Wattle-bird.

Common throughout the district, and seen frequently during the Camp-out.

# Acanthagenys rufogularis. Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater.

Recorded in the district only at Nelson. One bird was seen in the sand-hills scrub at the Glenelg River mouth.

## Anthus australis. Australian Pipit.

Common on all open lands, and seen at each outing.

## Zonæginthus bellus. Beautiful Firetail.

Another species which members were seeking, but most were disappointed as two only were seen—one on the Cape Nelson Road and one at Wattle Creek. During the past five years the species appears to be in much smaller numbers. Formerly it was always to be seen (usually in company with the Red-browed) in places now deserted by them. It is, however, much more common in December to February in district records, as the species appears to move towards the coast for nesting.

#### Ægintha temporalis. Red-browed Finch.

Only three sightings during the Camp-out. Three birds near Portland Lagoon, a flock at Woolwash, and a flock at Tyrendarra where a nest was being built. Last year nests were seen in many places; it is possible that the species, like the Beautiful Firetail, moves towards the coast to nest in summer.

# Corvus coronoides. Australian Rayen.

Seen commonly at each outing.

Corcorax melanorhamphus. White-winged Chough,

Six birds were seen from the Princes Highway at Drumborg, near Heywood.

# Strepera graculina. Pied Currawong.

Only one bird seen-at Nelson.

#### Strepera melanoptera. Black-winged Currawong.

The common currawong species of the district. It was seen at Cape Nelson, Bats Ridges and at the ruins of the Condah mission station.

#### Gymnorhina hypoleuca. White-backed Magpie.

Very common throughout all of the open countryside.

Six introduced species were seen: Goldfinch, Greenfinch, House Sparrow, Starling, Blackbird and Skylark.

Whistling Eagle worrying Dog.—Near Nungerner, Gippsland Lakes, on June 8, 1958, a Labrador dog trotting along the road and carrying a large bone attracted the attention of a Whistling Eagle which swooped down and endeavoured to seize the bone. The dog held on steadfastly, as if realizing that to snap at the eagle was to drop the bone. Our advent frightened away the bird, but it is interesting to conjecture what would have been the ultimate outcome.—C. E. BRYANT, Melbourne, Vic., 6/11/58.