

It will be seen that there are good reasons for my supposition that Dr. Lendon does not appreciate the sequence of plumages when he insists that the adult plumage is acquired at fifteen months.—ERHARD F. BOEHM, Sutherlands, S.A., 9/8/1960.

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### Obituary

MR. E. A. R. LORD

The death occurred on October 28, 1961, of E. A. R. Lord of Murphy's Creek, Queensland, at the age of 72 years.

Ernie Lord belonged to a school of naturalists who have capably carried on a tradition established by Gilbert White of Selborne. For over 50 years he studied the natural history of Murphy's Creek, a small settlement at the foot of the Dividing Range, below Toowoomba.

First and foremost a "birdman," he also had a good working knowledge of botany, geology, and other branches of natural history. He contributed many articles to *The Emu*, his greatest achievement being "The Birds of Murphy's Creek," published in May 1956. He also contributed to *The Darling Downs Naturalist* from its inception in 1952, and for over 12 years he regularly sent notes to the Queensland Branch of the R.A.O.U.; his final letter was read at our meeting on the day of his death, and his last article appeared in the October issue of *The Darling Downs Naturalist*.

For many years he carried on the heartbreaking business of a dairy farmer in an area which, while excellent bird country, was hardly ideal for dairying purposes.

Details of his early life are very sketchy. He was born on the Dawson River and spent his earlier years there, moving later to Murphy's Creek. He was a likeable character and was noted for his hospitality to visiting ornithologists. He had many friends, both avian and human, and they will all regret his passing.

— N. JACK.