

the area the following day. Crescent was kept under continuous observation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Although he sang strongly from a branch at various times, only once did he display briefly on a mound. He did not give the appearance of a bird inviting the female into the area for mating, and his song excluded the "invitation clicks".

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Obituary

C. L. E. ORTON

Mr Charles Leonard Egremont Orton, a member of the R.A.O.U. since 1910, and life member since 1959, died at Perth, Western Australia on January 26, 1965. He was born in England on March 6, 1883 and came to Western Australia in 1904, spending most of his life as a farmer at Moora. His name will always be linked with that of his neighbour and fellow ornithologist, Mr P. T. Sandland, and the two carried out joint field work in the Midlands of Western Australia—from Moora westwards to the coast at Jurien Bay.

Mr Orton was a successful farmer on his property which he named "Petworth Park". This became the best Southdown Stud in the State. He was a member of the local Roads Board (the Western Australian equivalent of the eastern shire councils) and was its chairman during World War II.

Mr Orton's interests in ornithology were in egg collecting, a popular field of activity among the earlier members of the Union. Oology is now virtually a vanishing pursuit and it is extremely difficult to obtain permits to carry it on. However many of the earlier collectors made valuable contributions to ornithological knowledge, and often their collections have passed on to national institutions. Mr Orton's comprehensive collection of Australian and overseas eggs was donated to the Western Australian Museum in 1952.

A more extended biography of Mr Orton (with portrait) appears in the *Western Australian Naturalist* (vol. 9, no. 8).

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