

News and Notes

R.A.O.U. Individual Observation Point Scheme

INTRODUCTION

The Individual Observation Point (I.O.P.) scheme is designed to give information about the migration and other movements of our birds, and about the fluctuations in their population levels. The R.A.O.U. intends to start the scheme, initially restricting it to Southern Victoria and Tasmania, i.e., to those areas most directly concerned with trans-Bass Strait migration.

The success of such a scheme is entirely dependent on amateur participants and the Council of the R.A.O.U. hopes that as many observers as possible, living within the specified areas, will join the scheme.

METHOD

Each observer counts the birds in an observation area of his own choice—his own garden, a piece of agricultural land, a school ground, a park, etc. The counts are made, preferably, daily, but in any event not less than four times a week.

The results of the counts are entered on special forms provided, one for birds found in the area and a second for birds observed flying over the area. The counts may be complete counts of a specified area or strip counts (transects). It is essential, however, that each observer is strictly consistent with his method from day to day.

ADMINISTRATION

The R.A.O.U. scheme is to be administered from Hobart. Mr D. G. Thomas will be responsible for issuing instructions and record forms, and for maintaining the collection of completed forms. It is hoped that a monthly news letter will be circulated to participants, and an annual report will be published.

Please consider very carefully whether you can participate in the scheme. The full potential of the scheme can only be realised if sufficient observers participate fully. The Council, therefore urges all observers living in Southern Victoria and Tasmania to support the scheme. Mr Thomas will be pleased to advise, help and encourage.

Please address all enquiries to Mr D. G. THOMAS, 2 LALLABY ROAD, MOONAH, TASMANIA.

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

Notice of proposed use of plenary powers in certain cases
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In accordance with a decision of the 13th International Congress of Zoology, 1948, public notice is hereby given of the possible use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its plenary powers in connection with the following case, full details of which will be found in Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature Vol. 22, Part 3, published on 13th August, 1965.

- (1) Validation of the generic name *Cacatua* Vieillot, 1817 (Aves). Z.N.(S.) 1647.

Any zoologist who wishes to comment on the above case should do so in writing, and in duplicate, as soon as possible, and in any case before 13th February, 1966. Each comment should bear the reference number of the case in question. Comments received early enough will be published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. Those received too late for publication will, if received before 13th February, 1966, be brought to the attention of the Commission at the time of commencement of voting.

All communications on the above subject should be addressed as follows:

The Secretary,
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature,
c/- British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
LONDON, S.W.7,
England.

W. E. CHINA,
Assistant Secretary to the
International Commission on
Zoological Nomenclature.

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ERROR IN BINDING EMU PART

Inadvertently some copies of *The Emu*, Vol. 64, Part 3 were sent to subscribers with page 157 bearing a C.S.I.R.O. reprint heading instead of the normal *Emu* heading. Those subscribers who wish to exchange faulty copies for correctly headed copies should forward the faulty issue to the Hon. Editor, Jack Hyett, Whitehorse Road, Croydon, Victoria, and good copies will be returned.

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A large number of parts of the EMU and a long run. All in excellent condition. Included are a number of rare parts. Any part or parts would be disposed of separately if so desired. I would sell all at the price they cost me originally, which would be a few shillings per part. Contact: Lloyd Nielsen, Box 12, Jandowae, Queensland.

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Amendments to the Checklist

From time to time the Union has requests for the list of amendments to the 1926 "Official Checklist of Australian Birds" (Second Edition). The full list would take up over 20 pages of foolscap and cause considerable expense to the R.A.O.U. However a list of the Volumes and pages of the amendments is hereby given:

The Emu, Vol. 41, p. 87.
 The Emu, Vol. 41, p. 213.
 The Emu, Vol. 44, p. 151.
 The Emu, Vol. 46, p. 70.
 The Emu, Vol. 47, p. 157.
 The Emu, Vol. 50, p. 132.
 The Emu, Vol. 55, p. 187.
 The Emu, Vol. 60, p. 140.

W. R. WHEELER, President.

List of Past Presidents, R.A.O.U.

Of recent times it has been suggested that a list of the Past Presidents of the R.A.O.U. still living be published in *The Emu*. Herewith is the list:

	Year
Mrs Perrine Moncrieff, Nelson, New Zealand	1932
Sir John B. Cleland, Adelaide, South Australia	1935
Mr A. H. Chisholm, O.B.E., Sydney, N.S.W.	1939
Mr K. A. Hindwood, Sydney, N.S.W.	1944 and 1945
Dr D. L. Serventy, Perth, W.A.	1947 and 1948
Mr M. S. R. Sharland, Hobart, Tas.	1949 and 1950
Dr R. A. Falla, Wellington, New Zealand	1951
Mr N. J. Favaloro, Mildura, Vic.	1952 and 1953
Mr Norman Chaffer, Sydney, N.S.W.	1954
Mr E. S. Hanks, Melbourne, Vic.	1957
Mr A. R. McGill, Sydney, N.S.W.	1958
Mr R. P. Cooper, Melbourne, Vic.	1960
Mr H. T. Condon, Adelaide, South Australia	1961
Mr W. B. Hitchcock, Canberra, A.C.T.	1962
Dr J. A. Keast, Canada	1963
Mr W. R. Wheeler, Melbourne, Vic.	1964

Mr John Warham, who spent several years on field work in Australia, as well as an extended period on Macquarie Island, returned to England in 1961 and, in October, 1962, entered the University of Durham to read Zoology. His Australian friends will be pleased to learn that in June, 1965, he graduated B.Sc. (Zoology) with 1st class honours.