

*The Emu* of 1st April, 1929), in no systematic arrangement, the publication is a complete work in itself. Of universal interest to all ornithologists, Australians perhaps would be most attracted by the plates of the Ceylon Streaked Fantail-Warbler, *Cisticola juncidis omalura* (Blyth), and the Ceylon Jungle Nightjar, *Caprimulgus indicus kelaarti* (Blyth). Both of these birds bear a distinct resemblance in form and habits to the corresponding Australian species. Amongst others portrayed are the Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dissemurus paradiseus ceylonensis*), the Ceylon Bustard Quail (*Turnix suscitator leggei*), and the Ceylon Munia (*Uroloncha kelaarti*), peculiar to the hilly districts of the island.

Part III., which will conclude the series, will be issued in November of this year. It is earnestly desired that those responsible for this most valuable, exact, and erudite contribution to ornithological art and science will not be forced by any reason or circumstance to leave the work at three parts, even though those already published are excellent tributes to the skill and science of the artists. It is to be hoped that they will continue until they have given to ornithologists a complete pictorial record of the birds of Ceylon.

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## News and Notes

In view of the possible publication of a list of members of the Union in the near future, members are asked to notify the Hon. Secretary immediately of any change or anticipated change of address, in order that the list might be as complete and up-to-date as possible.

A quotation has been obtained for making cases for and binding *The Emu*. Cases in a light green cloth with the design of the Emu on the front in gold are available at the following rates:—Binding: 10 vols., 8/- per vol.; 20 vols., 7/- per vol. Cases only: 10 vols., 3/6 each; 20 vols., 2/6 each. Members desirous of having volumes bound should communicate with the Hon. Secretary at once so that advantage may be taken of the cheaper rates.

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Many contributors to *The Emu* still use old scientific and vernacular names, which entail a great deal of editorial correction. Members are again reminded of *The Official Checklist of the Birds of Australia* (2nd Edition), 1926, price 12/6, which gives the correct nomenclature in addition to much other valuable information connected with the Australian avifauna.

**Bird Protection in Tasmania.**—Mr. Clive Lord, State Secretary for Tasmania, has written advising of the inauguration in that State of "The Animals and Birds Protection Board" to deal with the conservation of fauna. Two members of the R.A.O.U. have been appointed to the Board, namely, Mr. Lord and Mr. Arthur Butler. The original members' term of office is to be four years. This appears to be a step in the right direction which will doubtless go far towards promoting a splendid measure of protection to the Tasmanian fauna generally.

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## Annual Congress and Camp-Out

The annual congress for 1929 will be held in Adelaide in early October. This will be an important session in the history of the R.A.O.U., and the South Australian members are making special efforts to see that all who attend will have an enjoyable and profitable time. After the small attendance of the 1928 Canberra session, the Council is anxious that members should attend in the numbers associated with earlier congresses, when over 40 camped on the Bunya Mountains and a similar party made a delightful excursion on the Murray River in the *Arcadia*.

On account of the bad season in the northern areas, including Moolawatana, S.A., the suggestion that the 1929 Camp-out be held there has been abandoned, and the proposal that the Camp-out be at Salt Creek on the Coorong, near the mouth of the Murray, has been endorsed by the Council. The cost of this trip should be reasonable in view of the locality being so easy of access. The proposed date of the Camp-out is from about the 7th to the 14th October. The ladies of the party will occupy the accommodation house and the men will sleep under canvas. Mallee scrub, lake and inlet of the sea provide good variety in the bird-life, and a profitable week should be the lot of those taking part. Early application should be made to the State Secretary for the concession tickets which are available.

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## Correspondence

### BIRD PROTECTION IN VICTORIA.

A letter has been received from Mr. F. Lewis, Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game for Victoria, drawing attention to the fact that the position regarding the bird protection Acts of that State is not as outlined in Mr. J. R. Kinghorn's article in the April issue of *The Emu*. The