

on colour-breeding in Budgerigars and "The breeding of the Southern Stone Curlew in captivity."

British Birds, Vol. XXIII., Nos. 4, 5 and 6. No. 5 contains an interesting record of the recovery of marked birds.

The Victorian Naturalist, Vol. XLVI., Nos. 6, 7 and 8.

The South Australian Ornithologist, Vol. X., Part 4. Contains "Additional records for Encounter Bay," "Birds seen between Penong and Adelaide," "Birds of Yorke's Peninsula"—all by J. B. Cleland, M.B.; "Birds of Western District, Vic.," by Dr. C. Sullivan.

Australian Discovery, by Prof. Ernest Scott, Vol. 1. See review in this part.

The Auk, Vol. XLVI., No. 4.

Field Museum of Natural History, Vol. XVIII., No. 3. "Birds of the James Simpson-Roosevelt's Asiatic Expedition," by Charles E. Hellmayr.

The Food of Some British Wild Birds (2nd Edit.), by Walter E. Collinge, D.Sc., etc. This volume has been donated by Mr. F. L. Berney, R.A.O.U., Longreach, Qld., whose frequent gifts are enhancing the library.

The Field-book of a Jungle-Wallah, by Charles Hose. See review in this part.

The Proceedings of the Linnean Society of N.S.W. for 1929. Vol. LIV., Part 4. No. 224.

Report of Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game (Vic.) on an investigation into the feeding habits of seals in Victorian waters.

Republica Argentina—*Boletin del Ministerio de Agricultura de la Nacion*, Vol. XXVIII., No. 2.

Report of Bird Observers' Club, Victoria

Regular meetings have been held at the Union rooms, Latrobe Street, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, and it is expressly notified that all members of the Union and friends are heartily invited. Especially would we like to see any visiting members from distant parts who may happen to be in Melbourne at the time.

Mr. Mattingley gave a fine series of slides of Bass Straits Islands, describing the ocean scenery and remarkable seabird rookeries that lie at our doors. Mr. Littlejohns gave an evening with wonderful pictures of four kinds of Victorian Dotterells, depicting the family life of these little birds. Mr. Hanks and Mr. O'Neill gave an account of the Camp-out on the Coorong, describing its fascinating bird-life. An open night brought forth many interesting bird notes of the season, particularly about Bell-Miners, Flame-breasted Robins, Cuckoos and Ibis. It is hoped that members will consider it their duty and pleasure to write up bird notes they come across, and after reading them at the club they can be handed on to the "Stray Feather" column of *The Emu*.

Regret was recorded at the passing of two prominent ornithologists, Mr. A. J. Campbell and Dr. J. A. Leach, but the work they did amongst us still lives on, an inspiration to bird lovers and nature students generally.

Dr. Leach's Bird class, which met regularly in the rooms, and the members of which it is expected will join the B.O.C., has decided to continue under the name "Leach Memorial Nature Study Club." Their preliminary studies and their many outings in the field have prepared the way for further work in bird lore. It is to be hoped they will carry the torch that has been handed down to them in popularising the knowledge and study of Australian birds.

Correspondence

BIRD EMBLEMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a further means to help to popularise our unique Australasian birds and to assist in their protection, I would suggest that each State of the Commonwealth should adopt a specified bird which should be emblematic of it. To this end the State Secretary of each State should be asked to ascertain from the members of the Union in his particular State which bird they wish to represent it.

This might be ventilated with advantage by him through the medium of letters to the daily press of his State asking the editors to inaugurate a census of the most suitable bird by inviting the public to express their opinion through their columns.

As a suggestion I would select for guidance the under-mentioned birds:—

Federal Capital Territory—Emu.

New South Wales—Lyrebird.

Victoria—Kookaburra.

Queensland—Bower Bird.

South Australia—Magpie.

Western Australia—Black Swan.

Tasmania—Sooty Shearwater (Mutton Bird).

Northern Territory—Gouldian Finch.

Central Australia—Corella.

Territory of Norfolk Island—Gannet.

Papua—Bird of Paradise (Ragianna).

New Guinea—Goura (Pigeon).

New Zealand—Kiwi.

Yours, etc.,

ARTHUR H. E. MATTINGLEY.

13 Turner Street,
South Camberwell.

The date of publication was 1st January, 1930.