

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.,

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