

ted. The few Australian specimens available for comparison cannot be separated from the Papuan form. In this respect the following remarks by Ernst Mayr are quoted. "I have once more checked our specimens of Australian *Erythrura* and have compared them with the New Guinea series. There is absolutely no difference between the two Australian birds in our collection and the large New Guinea series. I doubt very much that even a much larger Australian series would reveal any differences" (E. Mayr, American Museum of Natural History, *in litt.*, 9/6/48). Admittedly more specimens are desirable on which to base really satisfactory conclusions.

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**Blue-faced Finch.**—Owing to the absence of Mr. A. J. Marshall in the Arctic, he did not see, until recently, the reference to this species in the paper by P. A. Bourke and the late A. F. Austin, in *The Emu*, vol. 47, at page 109. Mr. Marshall's paper on the species, published in vol. 47, p. 305, which omitted reference to that record, was forwarded to the Editor some time ago and Mr. Marshall has now written stating that his paper should be read as if reference to Messrs. Bourke and Austin's record were included therein where the tabulated account of Australian records occurs.