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Does Hylacola Hop?—It appears from a note in The Emu for May, 1948 (vol. 47, p. 36) that A. J. Campbell declared the mode of progression of the Shy Ground-wren (Hylacola cauta) to be hopping, that F. E. Howe said Campbell was wrong, and that E. F. Boehm held that Campbell was right and Howe wrong. My own view is that all three writers are both right and wrong. That is to say, Hylacola both hops and runs. I have just been looking up my field-notes on the genus (both species) and have come upon many references to the birds' hopping—as well as 'bounding,' 'streaking,' and 'darting'—but have also found a number of allusions to definite running.

This recalls that some years ago, when I was conducting a nature column in the Melbourne Argus, a reader inquired whether the Blue Wren ran or hopped. Finding myself unable to answer the simple question, I adjourned to the Botanic Gardens and watched a party of Wrens. Then I returned and wrote—"The answer is 'Yes.' In short, the Blue Wren usually hops but when he feels like running, he runs."—A. H. CHISHOLM, Sydney, N.S.W., 24/11/50.