

Tree-creeper (*Climacteris melanotus*), White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike (*Graucalus hypoleucus*); and Cinnamon Ground-Thrush (*Cinclosoma cinnamomeum*), and Desert Wren (*Calamanthus isabellinus*), from Central Australia, and others; while from Victoria the Coachwhip-Bird (*Psophodes crepitans*), Red-browed Tree-creeper (*Climacteris erythrops*), and the Olive-coloured Thickhead (*Pachycephala olivacea*), and various Flycatchers and Honey-eaters, were of exceptional interest when their habits and actions were explained by Mr. Ashby.

Notes and Notices.

Papers for Bird Day.—Brief ornithological articles, illustrated if possible, are invited from members of the R.A.O.U. who are willing to contribute, for the departmental *School Papers* of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respectively. The articles should be in the hands of the hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Wilson, Teachers' Training College, University Grounds, Carlton, Victoria, by about the end of August.

Buckland Bird Protection Fund.—Recognizing the great work Mr. James Buckland has done in keeping the Plumage Prohibition Bill before the British Parliament and public, his friends desire to tender him a practical testimonial. Subscriptions may be sent to the hon. treasurer, R.A.O.U., Mr. Z. Gray, Bridport-street, South Melbourne.

Corrections.—In the list of members of the R.A.O.U. published in the last issue of *The Emu* the following amendments are necessary:—

- “Dytiscus” is a *nom de plume*, not the name of Capt. Henry Brew's house, Ballarat.
 HORDTEN, C. H. VON DER (Broome), should read PFORDTEN, C. H. VON DER.
 A. HAMILTON (Wellington, N.Z.), not H. HAMILTON.
 MRS. ROBERTS, “Beaumaris,” Hobart, is the only lady who enjoys the distinction C.M.Z.S. (Corresponding Member Zoological Society, London).

A Wise Minister.—Application was made to the Acting Minister for External Affairs (Senator Findley), on behalf of a projected bird-canning company, with a capital of £25,000, for permission to slaughter birds on the Alligator River, Northern Territory. The company asked immunity from any restrictions upon their hunting for a period of six years. It was proposed to kill about 300 birds per day during the season, or a total of about 35,000 birds a year. It was claimed that Wild Ducks and similar game birds were so plentiful that this number would not be missed. The Minister has refused the application. He said that, instead of granting any such privileges as were sought, he would rather favour a policy of protecting game.