

Food this month consisted of the blue quondong (*Elæocarpus grandis*, F. v. M.), scrub-apple (? *Pygeum turnerianum*, Bailey), and have seen these birds eating the black cherry (*Endiandra*, sp.), wild banana (*Musa*, sp.), and wild Brazilian cherry (*Acronychia vestita*, F. v. M.).

KAIRI, NEAR ATHERTON, November, 1911.—The largest brood of young Cassowaries I saw here consisted of four birds. They were feeding on the species of fig (*Ficus*) with which Mr. S. W. Jackson and I fed the young of the Tooth-billed Bower-Bird (*Scenopæetes dentirostris*, Ramsay) at "Cherra-chelbo" camp, in the scrub near here, in 1908. The Cassowaries are fond of these figs. The scrub here has been cleared to a large extent.

December.—The food of the Cassowary now is a species of large scrub fig (*Ficus*, sp.), the fruit measuring 1 inch by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch; also the fruit of *Castanospora alphandi*, F. v. M.

January, 1912.—Young Cassowaries are still with the mother. The birds are feeding on a species of fig (*Ficus*) and the fruit of *Castanospora alphandi*, F. v. M. (the leaves of this tree the Tooth-billed Bower-Birds frequently use in their singing or play-grounds, as well as the leaves of other species); the fruit of a species of *Eugenia*, known as the white apple; and the fruit of the black pine (*Podocarpus*, sp.), &c.

February.—Some young Cassowaries are out alone, and their food appears to consist almost entirely of figs of different kinds. The fruit of *Castanospora alphandi*, F. v. M., the fruit of the black pine (*Podocarpus*, sp.), and the white apples of a species of *Eugenia* are also being eaten.

March.—As far as I can see at present, the Cassowaries are having a lean time as regards both species of scrub fruit. On 26th February I observed a splendid male bird feeding on the fruit of the large lawyer-vine (*Calamus moti*, Bailey), and later on found droppings of both mature and young birds, consisting of the stones of the fruit of both the large and small species of lawyer-vine. The lawyer-vines are erratic in fruiting. I never saw them eaten by Cassowaries before, and can only conclude that hunger has made the birds eat them.

CLUMP POINT, 25th June.—The continuous rain, combined with a poor wild-fruit season resulting from last year's very dry spell, has caused a large number of Cassowaries to go elsewhere to look for food and to nest. I saw a female with one young, 2 feet in height, feeding on quondongs, and another, with two young birds, in another spot farther away. Fruit seasons in the scrubs alter with the climatic conditions every year.

Kite as an Egg-Robber.—Last month a fine male specimen of *Lophoictinia isura* (Square-tailed Kite) was brought to me, having been shot while attacking chickens at a neighbouring farm. In its gizzard I found a perfect egg of *Cuculus inornatus* (Pallid Cuckoo). This egg was completely coated with fragments of other broken egg-shells, which apparently were those of *Anthus australis* (Ground-Lark). I cannot find any record in my ornithological works of this Kite feeding on eggs.—TOM CARTER. Broome Hill (W.A.), 12/11/12.