

my friend or myself has seen it at work here, although we do a good deal of boating, and there is almost always a party of Terns within ken carrying on fishing operations. The Great Skua (*Megalestris antarctica*) we have never seen here.—H. STUART DOVE. West Devonport, Tasmania, 8/5/18.

On the Occurrence of the Australian Roller (*Eurystomus pacificus*) in Tasmania.

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I HAVE received from Mr. George Hinsby, of the West Coast, the skin of a Dollar-Bird (*Eurystomus pacificus*), which Mr. Hinsby informs me was shot near Crotty. I have heard reports that a specimen of this species was shot on the North-West Coast of Tasmania about six years ago, but I do not know of this being placed on record nor have I seen a specimen, other than the one forwarded by Mr. Hinsby, which had been obtained in Tasmania. I consider that the specimen recently obtained, and which is now in the Tasmanian Museum, is the first to be duly recorded from Tasmania. It can therefore be placed on the Tasmanian list, but for the present will have to be treated as an "accidental."

Additions to the Library.

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- "Re-naming Australian Birds: Is it Necessary?" A. J. Campbell. Pamphlet presented by the author.

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- British Birds*, vol. xi., parts 4 and 12.
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ARTICLES IN THE FOREGOING PUBLICATIONS DEALING WITH
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- "A Visit to the Breeding-Grounds of Swan and Pelican on the Coorong," by S. A. White. *South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. iii., part 7, p. 198.
"Some Observations on the Nesting and the Young of Cormorants," by A. M. Morgan. *South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. iii., part 7, p. 201.
"Living versus Dead Names for Australian Birds," by A. J. Campbell. *South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. iii., part 7, p. 211.
"The Re-Discovery of two Lost Birds," by G. M. Mathews. *Austral Avian Record*, vol. iii., part 4, p. 79.
Deals with Mr. T. Carter's discovery of *Malurus leucopterus* and *Diaphorillas textilis* in their type locality (see *Emu*, xviii., p. 60).
"On a Collection of Birds from the Macleay Museum, Sydney, N.S.W.," by G. M. Mathews. *Austral Avian Record*, vol. iii., part 4, p. 95.
"Silvester Diggles, Ornithologist," by G. M. Mathews. *Austral Avian Record*, vol. iii., part 4, p. 98.
"The Protection of Bird-Life," by Sir Joseph Carruthers. *Avicultural Magazine*, vol. ix., part 8, p. 232.

A reprint of an article by the former Premier of New South Wales from the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of 12th October, 1917. Sir Joseph urges that protection of birds is specially desirable in Australia at the present time owing to their usefulness in destroying mice and insects which destroy crops, and thus diminish the world's food supply.

ARTICLES OF GENERAL ORNITHOLOGICAL INTEREST.

- "A Note on the Structure of the Feather," by J. S. Gladstone. *Ibis*, vol. vi., part 2, p. 243.
- "The Birds of the Isle of May: a Migration Study," by Misses E. V. Baxter and L. J. Rintoul. *Ibis*, vol. vi., part 2, p. 247.
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- "Development of Pattern in Birds," by A. G. Butler. *Avicultural Magazine*, vol. ix., part 6, p. 182.
- "Diseases of Birds and Their Treatment and Cure," by P. F. M. Galloway. *Avicultural Magazine*, vol. ix., part 6, p. 192, and part 7, p. 217.
- "Ancestral Characters in Nestlings," by A. G. Butler. *Avicultural Magazine*, vol. ix., part 7, p. 211, and part 8, p. 234.
- "Birds in the Valley of the Ancre during the Winter 1916-17," by Capt. J. N. Kennedy, M.C., Australian Corps Heavy Artillery. *Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie*, No. 109, p. 241.

The author records his observations on 56 species, and notes the effects on them of the fighting and of the unusually severe winter.

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To the Editors of "The Emu."

SIRS,—In *The Emu*, vol. xvii., part 4, page 177, Mr. A. J. Campbell makes the following remark respecting the Black-and-White Wren (*Malurus edouardi*) from Barrow Island:—"If so, I fear my friend, Mr. Carter's, claim to re-discovery has been anticipated." This refers to the paper by Mr. G. M. Mathews and myself in *The Ibis* for October, 1917, wherein (on page 593), under the heading of *Nesomalurus leucopterus leucopterus*, we stated:—"After an interval of nearly one hundred years the original *Malurus leucopterus* (Dumont), subsequently figured by Quoy and Gaimard, has again been obtained in the locality where the type specimen was got in 1818—namely, Dirk Hartog Island." Surely Mr. Campbell cannot deny that this claim has been fulfilled, and his remark in *The Emu* appears to be a contradiction to the letter that he wrote to me last year (1917), in which he congratulated me "on the re-discovery of the original Black-and-White *Malurus* and *Amytornis textilis*." As to whether *M. edouardi* is sub-specifically distinct from *M. (Nesomalurus) leucopterus* or not, all I can say at present is that Mr. G. M. Mathews and myself think that it is, and Mr. W. B. Alexander, of the Perth Museum, is of the same opinion, as he wrote to me, on receipt of the first two skins sent to him from Dirk Hartog, pointing out the differ-