

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE B.O.C., 17/10/09:—

Mr. G. M. MATHEWS described the following new sub-species of Australian birds:—

CALAMANTHUS HOWEI, sub-sp. n.

Adult female.—This form seems to be intermediate between *C. montanellus*, Milligan, and *C. campestris*, Gould. From the former it differs in having the ear coverts and crown of the head reddish; from the latter in having a longer bill, the head less rufous, and a much more pronounced brown streak on the feathers of the back.

Total length, 4.8 inches; culmen, 0.5; wing, 2.1; tail, 2.2; tarsus, 0.8.

Hab.—Kow Plains, Victoria.

This sub-species is named in honour of the collector, Mr. Frank Howe, of Melbourne.

MELITHREPTUS WHITLOCKI, sub-sp. n.

Adult.—Differs from *M. chloropsis*, Gould, in having the bare skin round the eye white both in summer and winter.

Hab.—Wilson's Inlet, Western Australia.

This sub-species is named in honour of the collector, Mr. F. L. Whitlock.

Mr. MATHEWS further remarked: As the "Conspectus Psittacorum" of Kuhl was published in 1820 and volume xiii. of the "Transactions of the Linnean Society" did not appear till 1821, the birds named by Kuhl in the former volume must take precedence over those described by Temminck in the latter publication. The following changes will affect certain Australian birds:—

Licmetis nasica, Temm., will become *L. tenuirostris*, Kuhl, *op. cit.*, p. 88.

Platycercus flaviventris, Temm., will become *P. browni*, Kuhl, *op. cit.*, p. 56.

Platycercus browni, Temm., will become *P. venustus*, Kuhl, *op. cit.*, p. 52.

Neophema venusta, Temm., will become *N. chrysostomus*, Kuhl, *op. cit.*, p. 50.

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