

After the screening of the film Mr. Littlejohns entertained the audience with stories of his experiences amongst these interesting birds. It had taken almost five years to complete the film, and in that time he had spent many week-ends throughout the whole year in the ranges in pursuit of these birds. Mr. Littlejohns expressed high appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered him by Mr. Herschel, who had been very liberal in supplying the apparatus to enable him to carry out the work.

Mr. Herschel, who commended Mr. Littlejohns for his enthusiasm, related that he had, regardless of expense, spared no efforts to make the enterprise a success. He had sent specially to Europe to procure a lens which would be of advantage in dense forest gullies where the light was dull. The developing of the film had also required much attention, and it was often necessary to intensify portions of it. Mr. Herschel promised to give further attention to the filming of Australian fauna.

Dr. Leach, Messrs. W. Stephen and Lush expressed their appreciation to Messrs. Littlejohns and Herschel for their patriotism in filming the birds of this country. Regret was expressed that other prominent citizens have not afforded similar facilities to cinematographers to work upon the native fauna as Mr. Herschel has done in this enterprise.

Later in the evening Mr. Littlejohns showed a splendid series of lantern slides of the home-life of three species of Dotterels.

Notes and Comments.

There are still some contributors to *The Emu* who use discarded technical names, thereby causing needless editorial trouble in correcting their writings. All members of the R.A.O.U. should secure the Check-List (Second Edition), and use the names given there. Send 12s. 8d. to the General Secretary, R.A.O.U., 168 Latrobe Street, Melbourne, and a copy of the Check-List will be forwarded. It is also requested that contributions to *The Emu* should be type-written; when this is not possible technical names should be written with especial clearness.

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Regarding the new Field-Wren (*Calamanthus winiam*) mentioned in *Emu*, ante, p. 80, through a misunderstanding bird, nest and eggs were described under the name of A. G. Campbell. It should have been under the joint names of A. J. and A. G. Campbell. The correction is hereby recorded. It is hoped that a coloured plate of the species will appear in a later issue.

Dr. W. Macgillivray, of Broken Hill, wrote to the Editor of *The Emu* during October, calling attention to the ravages of bird-dealers among the rare Bourke Parrots, and mentioning that an advertisement from Adelaide calling for "Bourkes" had appeared in a Broken Hill newspaper. Representations on the matter were promptly made to Mr. E. B. Harkness, Under-Secretary to the Chief Secretary's Department, Sydney, and on November 9 that active official advised as follows: "I desire to state that the Commissioner of Police has reported that every inquiry has been made in Broken Hill and surrounding district, but that no information could be obtained in respect of any Bourke Parrakeets being sent out of the locality, or of any person being found illegally in possession of the birds. It is added that all efforts will be made to prevent the export of the Parrakeets and that the Police at Broken Hill have been instructed to keep a sharp lookout for persons taking protected birds. The editor of the *Barrier Miner* was interviewed in the matter and informed that Bourke Parrakeets were absolutely protected, and that any person taking or found illegally in possession of such birds would bring himself within the jurisdiction of the law. The editor, in reply, stated that he would communicate with the person who inserted the advertisement and would warn him accordingly, and that no more advertisements would be accepted in this respect."

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