

was apparently sickening, somebody took him some distance round the coast, hoping he would take off. Some days after that he was found dead. The height of the bird was about two feet; white feathers all over the breast from neck to tail, larger white ones under the tail; dark feathers all over the back, including the top of the head and wings; head rather flat on top and somewhat like a Hawk's; bill, the same colour as a Magpie's, practically the same shape only stronger; legs, very yellow. Apart from these feathers the body was covered with what appeared to be a very fine down."—D. L. SERVENTY, Subiaco, W.A.

Aerial Stunting.—When in the bush on the afternoon of October 4, 1931, I witnessed some remarkable stunting on the part of a pair of Harriers (*Circus approximans*). There were two pairs of the fine birds up aloft, but one couple rose far above the other, until the birds appeared very small indeed, and then one of them (certainly, from former observations, the male) commenced throwing himself about in an excess of amatory fervour, dashing downward, turning somersaults—while the female sailed around him in wide circles. This was continued for a time, and the birds rose to such a height that they appeared no larger than flies—far too high for me to catch the short scream which is the usual accompaniment to their aerial gambols. The afternoon was dry and windy, and all animals seem more excitable at such times; certainly, although I look out for these manoeuvres every spring, I do not remember seeing them carried out previously at such a great height and with such abandon. This sexual flight of Gould's Harrier seems to me the most remarkable performance we have among the birds of Tasmania.

That same afternoon I heard what was to me a new call from a Yellow-throated Honeyeater (*Meliphaga flavicollis*). The ordinary mating-call of this fine species may be vocalised as "Get-a-whip! Get-a-whip! Get-a-whip!", the notes being at about the same level right through. But this individual made it "Get-a-whip! Get-a-whip! Get-it-quick!", with a decided upward trend at the finish. Only a single bird had this peculiarity; the others were calling as usual. —H. STUART DOVE, West Devonport, Tas.

The members of the Union in Victoria have been asked to co-operate with the Forests Commission to aid in preventing forest fires. Notoriety to the Commission's appeal for care is sought, and as the disastrous consequences of bush fires are to be feared and prevented throughout the Commonwealth, it is hoped that members in all States will do all in their power to foster care and public spiritedness in this direction.