

**Butcher-Bird's Double Song.**—An early morning ramble on July 22, 1933, brought me to the edge of a gully where I made the following observation. A pair of Grey Butcher-birds (*Cracticus torquatus*) flew into a tree close by, and one of them sang four notes of music, then, immediately it ceased, the second bird sang four notes. The latter song followed the first perfectly, so that if one did not see the birds the impression would be given that it was a single bird singing an harmonious song. Another Butcher-bird flew towards the tree, but was chased away. Then both birds sang in the same manner as before, the second bird each time commencing to sing immediately the other had finished. A variation was occasionally made, six notes being sung by No. 1 bird—when that happened No. 2 bird followed suit, and sang six notes. During the pauses I heard, somewhat faintly in the distance, a Butcher-bird sing the single bar of four notes. It seemed as though it were answering the birds that I was observing. Later on in the day I heard the typical rollicking, irresponsible-sounding song of a Butcher-bird, but it was different, and seemed to lack the mellow sweetness of the birds that I watched. Since then I have heard, in the distance, this double song, and if I had not made the above observation I would have been deceived into thinking that it was a single bird song.—  
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