
Spotted Bower-bird. — Observing the great interest shown in the habits of the Spotted Bower-bird (*Chlamydera maculata*) by members of the R.A.O.U. in camp at Moree in October-November, 1933, I am prompted to record the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Woods, of "Wood Park," Ashley. Mrs. Woods had driven the car several miles to a point on their property where she was to meet her husband. A bore drain prevented further progress from this point and signalling her husband, she continued the remainder of the journey on foot. The distance was short, and the return to the car a matter of some 15 minutes only. On preparing to start the car, Mrs. Woods noticed the keys had been removed, and, after a futile search in and around the vehicle, reflected on the helplessness of the situation. Mr. Woods decided that a Bower-bird must have stolen the shiny articles. He remembered a bower in a belah scrub (*Casuarina lepidophloia*) about half a mile away, and immediately made for the playground. The keys were found neatly attached by the ring to a short projecting belah stick, and conveniently arranged in a business-like way, suggesting to the visitors that an up-to-date bower consisted of a playground with keys complete. A knowledge of the birds on his property and their habits certainly helped Mr. Woods to resume his return journey without delay.

Although a number of bowers I have observed in this part of the district had completed sides and unprotected run-way, this one was made of a carefully woven mass of belah needles forming a complete tunnel, through which the birds gambolled.—R. F. BAILEY, R.A.O.U., Moree, N.S.W., 27/11/33.