

In New South Wales a special supplement of *The Teachers' Gazette*, containing four coloured plates, was issued. This contained interesting and valuable articles by well-known writers and ornithologists. Special Bird Day school papers were issued for October. A public meeting, attended by far more than the hall could accommodate, was presided over by the Chief Inspector, Mr. Dawson, the president of the Gould League of Bird Lovers of New South Wales.

In Victoria the chief feature was the special issue of *The School Paper* containing original articles by members of the R.A.O.U.; special lectures and addresses by bird lovers, headed by Mr. J. A. Leach, M.Sc., Inspector of Nature Study, to the senior pupils; and excursions to the Zoological Gardens, under the leadership of such ardent ornithologists as Dr. Geo. Horne, his niece, Miss Bowie, and Mr. E. Brooke Nicholls.

From each school reports were forwarded to the Education Department. These are of great value to the members of the Union, for the first list gives the birds seen on Bird Day, the second a copy of the school bird-list to date. These lists will provide much valuable matter for the student of the migratory and nomadic movements of birds.

The Union views with approval the work of the Bird Observers' Club, the South Australian Ornithological Association, and the Gould League of Bird Lovers, with their thousands of members, and anticipates that the efforts to protect our native birds will be much more successful because of the weight of public opinion created by so many intelligent enthusiasts, who can appreciate the beauty, the song, the interest, and the value of the most remarkable avifauna of any land in the world.

In addition to the metropolitan area, excellent Bird Day celebrations were held in the provinces, notably at Geelong (where Mr. C. F. Belcher addressed 1,200 scholars in the Eastern Gardens), Tallangatta, Elmore, and Maryborough. At the last-mentioned place Mr. A. H. Chisholm addressed both East and West schools. At the former a pretty poem on "The Honey-eater," specially written for the occasion by Miss C. B. Coutts, was recited. The veteran bird observer, Mr. Isaac Batey, and Mr. D. C. Swan took Drouin and Drouin West schools respectively, and Mr. L. C. Cook Poowong, with happy results, while Mr. G. E. Shepherd did yeoman service on the Mornington Peninsula, addressing schools or public meetings at Somerville, Tyabb, Frankston, Mornington, and Dandenong.

Rhipidura (fulvifrons) mayl, Ashby (*vide Emu*, vol. xi., p. 41).—I have recently received a series of this Flycatcher, which might be known as the "Northern Rufous Fantail," from Mr. May, from the same locality as the last, and they are all true to type, thus proving that the distinctive characteristics were not due to immaturity.—EDWIN ASHBY. Adelaide, 12/12/11.