

could also be introduced among the hummocks once they are bound by marram.

The enormous series of sand dunes on the neck of the Cape has not been mentioned. This appears to be a natural feature of great age originating in the wide ocean back beaches, the raw sand advancing into the bay on the other side. Nothing need be attempted with this until the smaller local blows above referred to are checked.

**Night Voices.**—While chatting recently with Dr. Young, who takes an interest in our native birds, he mentioned that on two occasions this season he has heard nocturnal calls, which he took to be those of Dotterels, shortly before an atmospheric disturbance. The birds seemed to be circling in the air; the first time was in February, and was followed by high wind and rain; the second occasion was at the beginning of the present month of May, when a similar disturbance occurred. The Doctor's house is close to the estuary of the Mersey River, and only a few hundred yards from the sea-shore, so that he is quite familiar with all our shore-haunting species, and seems convinced that the callers were Dotterels. It would be interesting to know whether any mainland member has noticed this trait in the *Charadrius* or *Agialitis* genus; there is not the least doubt that many birds feel approaching weather-changes long before we do.—H. STUART DOVE, F.Z.S., Devonport West, Tas.

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**Elegant Parrots Visit an Orchard.**—For some time past I have noticed a species of grass-parrot coming into our orchard; they seem to come for the seeds of the annual *Paspalum*, and do not touch the fruit. I got as close as I could to them, and compared them with the coloured plates that have appeared in the *Emu*, and they seemed most like the Elegant Grass-Parrot (*Neophema elegans*). The blue on the forehead and wing, however, did not seem to be present. They were yellowish underneath and light green above, and were yellowish about the cheeks. They had a soft call, and flew swiftly, like Lorikeets. As many as five of them came in from the south very early in the morning. They are intermediate in size, between the Western Rosella (*Platycercus icterotis*) and the Purple-crowned Lorikeet (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*). These are the first Grass-Parrots I have seen in the district to the west of Rojonup. The Painted Quail (*Turnix varia*) come into the orchard after the *Paspalum* seeds, too.—A. E. FOLEY, "Wodenbillup," via Kulikup, W.A.