

little birds came to be fed every day, and would run about quite close to our feet.

*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*. Eastern Spinebill.—A number of these pretty little Honeyeaters were very busy among the beautiful flowers.

*Acanthiza pusilla*. Brown Thornbill.—Four or five of these "mid-gets" were seen, keeping up a constant twitter.

*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*. Yellow-tailed Thornbill.—Several were seen busy on the ground, and constantly on the move.

*Climacteris leucophaea*. White-throated Tree-creeper.—A pair of these birds was busy on the tree trunks.

*Petroica goodenovii*. Red-capped Robin.—Only one male seen of these brilliantly-coloured little birds.

*Platycercus eximius*. Eastern Rosella.—There was a pair of these showy, bright-coloured Parrots feeding in a wattle tree.

*Malurus cyaneus*. Blue Wren.—One male and four females of this very beautiful Wren were seen, and I was told they breed in this garden every season.

*Artamus cyanopterus*. Dusky Wood-Swallow.—Two pairs seen.

*Hylochelidon ariel*. Fairy Martin.—These were numerous, skimming through the air.

*Hirundo neoxena*. Welcome Swallow.—Quite a number hawking for insects.

*Ægitha temporalis*. Red-browed Finch.—Half-a-dozen of these were feeding on the seed of different grasses.

*Grallina cyanoleuca*. Magpie-Lark.—Three pairs seen. These were also very tame, walking about close to the house.

*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*. Mistletoe-bird.—Although I did not actually see the bird, I saw its beautiful and uncommon nest hanging from a bough about five feet from the ground. The owner of this beautiful garden said these birds build in the garden each season.

*Passer domesticus*. House Sparrow.—Very plentiful, and I am afraid they eat a lot of the food put out for the Doves.

*Carduelis carduelis*. Gold Finch.—Two pairs seen.

*Sturnus vulgaris*. Starling.—Very numerous.

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**Resident Swallows.**—Our Welcome Swallows (*Hirundo neoxena*) seem to be really establishing themselves as a resident race in the district. A pair at East Devonport has placed itself under police protection, and after nesting last summer under the verandah of the constable's cottage, has stayed in that vicinity throughout the winter. Another pair which nested at a farmer's place in Moriarty, and another at "Hawley", Port Sorell (both some miles east of the Mersey River), are reported as having remained all through the cold months. I noticed one individual last Saturday (August 6) on this side of the river—probably one from the east side over for a change of air, and it is too early yet for the migrants' return. It is remarkable that, in spite of the comparatively mild winter and several pairs of Swallows remaining with us, I have not noticed a single Pipit, Fantailed Cuckoo, or "Summer Bird" (*Coracina*) since the autumn, although it is the usual thing for a few individuals of each of these species to be seen within the Devonport boundaries during the winter months.—H. STUART DOVE, R.A.O.U., West Devonport, Tas.