

Swan estuary. Photographs were obtained without difficulty. Whilst the male was, in this instance, distinctly the bolder parent, both shared in food-gathering and feeding the nestlings. Many of the insects fed to the young were captured by the parents on the wing.—S. R. WHITE, Perth, W.A., 20/5/40.

Our member Mr. L. Macmillan, who is at present in south-west Queensland, carrying out an ecological survey for the American Museum of Natural History, would be pleased to hear from members residing along the eastern coast of Australia, or inland, south of lat. 27°S., who keep a continuous diary of bird events. He desires data relative to dates when the following species, viz. *Petroica goodenovii*, *Artamus leucorhynchus*, *Cinclorhamphus mathewsi* and *C. cruralis*, have been noted, also particulars of numerical strength and noticeable behaviour or displays, especially flocking. The dates on which the birds were last seen and of appreciable decrease in numbers are of importance. All reports will be of interest if of reasonably continuous recording, although notes made only at week-ends would hardly be of value, as the gaps would be too great. Information should be sent care of the Hon. Editor.

Proceedings of Council

Since the last report, the following have been included in matters dealt with by the Council:—

Following the appointment of a sub-committee for the purpose, an illustrated folder has been prepared with the object of interesting the public in birds and thus obtaining more members. Names of prospective members should be sent to the Hon. General Secretary, who will arrange for folders to be sent to them.

As reported previously, it was decided not to hold an official camp-out in conjunction with the annual meeting to be held in Melbourne on October 15: unofficial outings may be arranged on the spot as opportunity offers.

Following representations made at the request of members to the Trustees of the National Museum, Melbourne, through the Director, in respect of the H. L. White collection of skins, it was found impossible to arrange for the inter-Museum loan of skins from the collection for the use of workers in other States. It was finally resolved "That the Council reluctantly decides that no further action be taken for the present, as it appears that the Trustees are in no way compellable."

The R.A.O.U. will co-operate with the Bird Observers Club and the Leach Memorial Club in a bird-watching project in the Altona district (Vic.).

Preparations are being made for the submission of a request to the Victorian Government to extend the Wyperfeld (Mallee) National Park towards the South Australian border.