

INTRODUCED BIRDS

Goldfinches.—These are now firmly established in the city and suburbs, but so far I have had no records from country districts.

Doves.—The Senegal Dove and the Indian Turtle Dove were referred to in the Report for 1939-40. The former appears to be still steadily extending its range in various country districts.

NATIVE BIRDS

Bronze-winged Pigeon.—Reference to the increase of these birds was made in my last annual Report. I am glad to say that in practically all parts of the wheat belt, as well as the timbered country of the south-west, this pigeon is still quite numerous.

Wild Turkey.—This bird is now very scarce and seen but rarely in the agricultural districts.

I am indebted to the Chief Inspector of Fisheries for details concerning the issuing of permits for the export of the following birds:

Rosellas, 282; Twenty-eight Parrots, 287; Cockatoos, 3; Galahs, 6; Smokers, 1; Red-capped Parrots, 63; Corellas, 50; Black Cockatoos, 10; Scarlet Parrots, 16; White-tailed Black Cockatoos, 6; Finches—Gouldian, 3,280; Fire-tails, 48; Star, 282; Pictorella, 396; Long-tailed, 657; Yellow-tailed, 168; Masked, 390; Painted, 3; Blood, 36; Mixed Finches, 210; Crested Pigeons, 2.

C. F. H. JENKINS, Branch Secretary.

Makeshift Nest for Frogmouth.—At Mr. V. R. Davey's Toolern Vale property a nest of a Frogmouth, containing two newly-hatched young, was pointed out to me. A high wind developed into a gale during the evening of October 16, and, on the morning of October 18, the bird arose from the ground when I approached the tree. One of the downy young birds was dead, about two feet away, but the other was uninjured. Evidently the hen had found it, after the accident, and had continued to brood it on the ground, where there were ample sticks and bark to provide conditions similar to those of the wrecked nest. The bird did not return during that day and the young bird was later wrapped in flannel and a meat dish cover placed over it to protect it from any wandering fox or dog. At dusk these encumbrances were removed, and at nine o'clock the hen was again found sitting. Mr. Davey procured an old nest of a Chough, placed it in a wire basket, and suspended the new home from the tree. A few sticks were added and the chick placed in the improvised nest. The adult later returned, accepted the arrangement, and at present is successfully rearing the young bird.—C. E. BRYANT, Melbourne, Vic., 6/11/41.