

Reviews

Feeding Associations Among Birds.—To his already considerable contribution to bird ecology in Australia, K. A. Hindwood has added a paper on "Feeding Associations Among Birds" (*Victorian Naturalist*, 77: 92-5) in which he deals with the habit that birds have of making use of man and his works, or of other birds, or of mammals to obtain food. He accepts the term *autolycism*, used by Meinertzhagen (1959) as appropriate for this behaviour. The paper lists some useful references to relevant literature.—E.F.B.

A Third Specimen of Archeopteryx.—Discovery of a third fossil example of *Archeopteryx lithographica* in the Solnhofen slate of Upper Jurassic age, in Bavaria, in 1956, has made possible further research on the origin of birds. Florian Heller in a paper on "Der Dritte Archeopteryx-Fund aus den Solenhofener Plattenkalken des oberen Malm Fränkens" (*Journal für Ornithologie*, 101 (1/2), 7-28, April, 1960) describes the new specimen in detail and discusses the significance of its characters. Heller considers *Archeopteryx* to be a primitive or archaic true bird which appears to have inhabited forest land, possibly scaling trees and flapping and gliding in limited flight. It probably fed on crustaceans and fish in shallow water of lagoons and mudflats.—E.F.B.

News and Notes

ANNUAL FIELD-OUTING

The Council has decided that the term "Camp-out" for the annual outing of members will be replaced by the title of "Field-outing". For a number of years past it has been the custom of members attending the annual outings to stay at hotels or guest houses, and to visit surrounding areas of bush by road transport. This changed method of accommodation has made the term "Camp-out" redundant and it is considered that a more appropriate name is "Field-outing".—R.P.C.

ANNUAL CONGRESS AND FIELD-OUTING, 1962

Preliminary notice is given to members that the Annual Congress and Field-outing for 1962 will be held in New Zealand. No detailed itinerary has yet been compiled but Australian members may be assured that our New Zealand friends will make the occasion a memorable one. The Congress will be held towards the end of 1962, possibly during November, and members should arrange their holidays and finances accordingly.—R.P.C.

ANNUAL CONGRESS AND FIELD-OUTING, 1961

The annual Field-outing for 1961 will be held at Grafton, New South Wales, from Sunday, October 1 to Saturday, October 14, 1961. During this period the Congress will take place at the same centre. The holding of the annual meeting during the field-outing will enable all members attending the outing to be present at the Congress, which is not always possible when the meeting is held in the capital city of the

State concerned. The Congress will be held during the evening of Wednesday, October 5, and, if necessary, on the following evening. This procedure will enable members to take full advantage of the daylight hours in observing and studying birds.

Grafton is a large town, situated on the banks of the Clarence River on the north coast of New South Wales. It is the centre of a rich dairying and sugarcane growing district, and contains diverse types of bird habitats, from river-flats and swamps to luxuriant rain-forest areas in the foothills and slopes of the mountain ranges.

The bird-life of the district is extensive and varied. Mr. Noel Burnett, who has kindly agreed to look after the local arrangements, stated in a personal letter to me that in nine years he has recorded 319 species of birds in the locality. The backwaters and swamps of the Clarence River are the nesting sites of many species of water-birds. On a swamp near Ulmarra, eight miles east of Grafton, the Cattle Egret has been recorded nesting (*Emu*, 55: 275) in a colony of 300 pairs of White Egrets and numbers of both Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants. Many of the northern species of birds extend into the north coast of New South Wales, while a number of the southern forms have this district included in their range.

Accommodation has been arranged at "Eversley" Guest House, which has all modern conveniences, at a cost of £8/15/- per week, plus a "few shillings" extra if cut lunches are required. While there is ample accommodation at the guest house, there are indications that a large number of members will be attending the field-outing, and you are advised to make your booking early if you intend to be present. Buses will be chartered to take members to the various bird-areas. There are also excellent caravan parks in the town for those who wish to take their caravans with them.

As the Jacaranda Festival is held at the end of October, the Jacaranda trees will be in full bloom and they will present a picture that will undoubtedly be appreciated by all members.

An itinerary to cover the full period is now being compiled and a copy will be sent to any member who wishes to attend. Bookings should be made direct to Mr. Noel Burnett, 11 Kelly Street, South Grafton, 3.C., New South Wales, and a deposit of £5 per person should be enclosed with your application. Enquiries may also be sent to the State Secretary, Mr. G. Chapman, 432 Pittwater Road, North Manly, New South Wales, or to the Honorary Secretary, 386 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Victoria.—Roy P. Cooper.

DAMAGED COPIES OF *The Emu*

Due to mechanical difficulties in the printing of *The Emu* a number of copies of vol. 60, part IV, were inadvertently sent out to members in an unfinished state. If any member

has received a damaged copy please return it and it will be replaced with a new copy.—R.P.C.

DELAYS IN PUBLICATION OF *The Emu*

In vol. 60, part 1, it was stated that there was a considerable quantity of material on hand for publication. Owing to the rapid decline in the health of the late Hon. Editor, all this material was handed to the present Hon. Editor *en masse*. It has not been possible to sort out and edit these manuscripts and maintain publication dates, but it is anticipated that part of the leeway will be made up with the publication of part 2 of the current volume.

Some of the articles were not dated and in a number of instances the covering letters were missing. This has prevented the publication of papers in the strict priority of the receipt of the manuscript and authors are asked to bear with the new Hon. Editor while this problem is being overcome.—R.P.C.

CHANGE OF HONORARY EDITORS

With the change of the Hon. Editor of *The Emu* there have been delays in correspondence reaching the new Hon. Editor, and in several instances letters have remained undelivered. Some members are still addressing correspondence to the late Hon. Editor.

To prevent these delays and to ensure that letters are delivered promptly, would members please address all communications to me, by name, at my private address, as shown in the inside back cover of *The Emu*.—Roy P. Cooper.

LEASE OF ROOM

The Council has taken up its option to renew its lease of the Union's Room for another 12 months. However, members are advised that at the end of 1961 the lease will expire and negotiations will have to be made for a new lease. It should be noted that, according to newspaper reports, the building in which the room is situated had been sold recently for the sum of £71,000.—R.P.C.

EXTRA PRINTING IN *The Emu*

Commencing with this part there will be two extra lines of printing on each page. This will not affect the overall size of the journal and binding can be done with the normal depth of 9½ inches. These additional lines are equivalent to 12 extra pages of printing per volume. Brown, Prior Anderson Pty. Ltd. have generously agreed to do this extra work at no additional charge.—R.P.C.