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Plover hosts of a cestode in the Townsville district.—Lavery and Hopkins (Emu 63: 242-52, 1963) recorded Masked Plover, Lobibyx miles (Boddaert), as very common, and the Spurwinged Plover, L. novaehollandiae (Stephens), as uncommon in the Townsville district; Warham (Emu 60: 61-3, 1960) has also indicated the comparative rarity of the latter species in that area. Nevertheless, Maplestone and Southwell (Ann. Trop. Med. and Parasit. 16: 61-8, 1922) have recorded the intestinal tapeworm Gyrocoelia australiensis Johnston only from "spur-winged plover, Lobivanellus lobatus Latham" collected near Townsville.

During 1961 this cestode was obtained from specimens of L. miles taken at Oonoonba, Townsville.—H. J. LAVERY, Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Townsville.