

The following change in name is necessary :—For *Porphyrio bellus* Gould, *P.Z.S.* 1840, p. 176, July 1841, read *Porphyrio cyanophalus* Vieillot.

Porphyrio cyanophalus Vieillot, *Nouv. Dict. Hist. Nat.*, Vol. XXVIII, p. 28, May 1819; loc. unknown. Now designated South-west Australia.

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Review.

AUSTRALIA'S SONG-BIRDS.

A BOOKLET from the hands of Messrs. A. H. Chisholm and N. W. Cayley, bearing the title *Feathered Minstrels of Australia*, has recently been published in Sydney. It treats of seven species of birds, selected in a haphazard kind of way, and gives a full-page picture of each species and opposite each picture a page of descriptive matter relating to the bird and particularly to its song and notes. The word "minstrel" in the title has been wisely chosen. It will enable attractive species to be included whose notes, however pleasing, could hardly be termed songs.

The pictures give the birds in positions true to life and show the usual excellence that Mr. Cayley—being an ornithologist as well as an artist—is able to put into this kind of work. The letterpress by Mr. Chisholm is obviously the work of one possessing a thorough field knowledge of the birds and in particular a keen appreciation and special knowledge of bird music. It describes the habits, song, and various notes of each bird under notice.

This it is hoped is the first of a series of four booklets. Ornithologists will welcome them as an interesting addition to the bird-literature of Australia, especially as we have many birds of high vocal ability (quite apart from recognised songsters) in whose praise little or nothing has yet been written.

Simmons Limited, Harris St., Sydney, are the publishers.—H. WOLSTENHOLME.

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Mr. A. H. Spencer, bookseller, 86 Bourke Street East, Melbourne, desires to secure Part 2 of Vol 23 of *The Emu*, and also the following plates : 1 and 2 of Vol 1 ; 10 of Vol. 2 ; 16 of Vol. 3.