

The black of the young bird differs from that of its parents in being dull black minus any steel-blue sheen. The irides are brown, feet and legs lead colour, bill blackish-horn.

**Birds of a Bowral Garden.**—I write this under the above heading, but must point out that the first two birds mentioned were not actually in the garden, although only a few yards from it. In November, 1931, it was my good fortune to stay a night and part of a day at that beautiful old home (which is now a boarding house), Arran Camp, which is owned and run by Miss Brennan, and is situated about one mile from Bowral, N.S.W. Miss Brennan is a bird-lover to her finger-tips. To see her in the early morning among her feathered friends is a delight. Quite a number are fed every morning and evening. Before I give a list of the birds noted, I must mention the garden. It is quite an acre and a half in extent, I should say, and it was really glorious, the number and variety of the flowers and shrubs being amazing. I understand that Miss Brennan has often taken prizes with her roses against all comers, and when one has seen the garden one would not be surprised.

*Cacomantis pyrrhophanus*. Brush Cuckoo.—Only one of these birds seen. It was just outside the garden fence where the timber had not been cleared.

*Turnix varia*? Painted Quail.—Only one seen. I have put a query mark alongside this species, as I am not quite sure, but from its flight and colour and the class of country it was flushed from, the Quail I put up I have listed as the above. It was thick brush country, also quite close to this garden.

*Gymnorhina tibicen*. Black-backed Magpie.—About four or five pairs of these seen, in fact, they were so tame they used to be fed about the house.

*Coracina novæ-hollandiæ*. Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike.—Two pairs seen about the garden.

*Dacelo gigas*. Laughing Kookaburra.—Several pairs of these came every morning to be fed with the Magpies.

*Zosterops halmaturina*. Grey-backed Silvereye.—Quite a number of these were very busy among the flowers, feeding on the grubs, etc.

*Micræca fascians*. Jacky Winter.—Two of these were seen. They seemed quite busy doing their share towards cleaning the garden of pests.

*Rhipidura leucophrys*. Willie Wagtail.—Two pairs of these restless favourites were seen.

*Colluricincla harmonica*. Grey Thrush.—Eight or ten of these delightful songsters came every morning to be fed. Their whistling, when waiting for their food, was well worth listening to.

*Rhipidura flabellifera*. Grey Fantail.—Two of these were seen quite close to the house.

*Lamprococyx minutillus*. Little Bronze-Cuckoo\*.—Only a single bird seen.

*Pachycephala rufiventris*. Rufous Whistler.—A pair was seen in the pine trees near the house.

*Artamus superciliosus*. White-browed Wood-Swallow.—Several pairs seen busy among the flying insects.

*Geopelia placida*. Peaceful Dove.—Quite a number of these friendly

\*Probably *Chalcites basalis* or *Lamprococyx plagosus*.—Ed.

little birds came to be fed every day, and would run about quite close to our feet.

*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*. Eastern Spinebill.—A number of these pretty little Honeyeaters were very busy among the beautiful flowers.

*Acanthiza pusilla*. Brown Thornbill.—Four or five of these "mid-gets" were seen, keeping up a constant twitter.

*Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*. Yellow-tailed Thornbill.—Several were seen busy on the ground, and constantly on the move.

*Climacteris leucophaea*. White-throated Tree-creeper.—A pair of these birds was busy on the tree trunks.

*Petroica goodenovii*. Red-capped Robin.—Only one male seen of these brilliantly-coloured little birds.

*Platyercus eximius*. Eastern Rosella.—There was a pair of these showy, bright-coloured Parrots feeding in a wattle tree.

*Malurus cyaneus*. Blue Wren.—One male and four females of this very beautiful Wren were seen, and I was told they breed in this garden every season.

*Artamus cyanopterus*. Dusky Wood-Swallow.—Two pairs seen.

*Hylochelidon ariel*. Fairy Martin.—These were numerous, skimming through the air.

*Hirundo neoxena*. Welcome Swallow.—Quite a number hawking for insects.

*Ægitha temporalis*. Red-browed Finch.—Half-a-dozen of these were feeding on the seed of different grasses.

*Grallina cyanoleuca*. Magpie-Lark.—Three pairs seen. These were also very tame, walking about close to the house.

*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*. Mistletoe-bird.—Although I did not actually see the bird, I saw its beautiful and uncommon nest hanging from a bough about five feet from the ground. The owner of this beautiful garden said these birds build in the garden each season.

*Passer domesticus*. House Sparrow.—Very plentiful, and I am afraid they eat a lot of the food put out for the Doves.

*Carduelis carduelis*. Gold Finch.—Two pairs seen.

*Sturnus vulgaris*. Starling.—Very numerous.

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**Resident Swallows.**—Our Welcome Swallows (*Hirundo neoxena*) seem to be really establishing themselves as a resident race in the district. A pair at East Devonport has placed itself under police protection, and after nesting last summer under the verandah of the constable's cottage, has stayed in that vicinity throughout the winter. Another pair which nested at a farmer's place in Moriarty, and another at "Hawley", Port Sorell (both some miles east of the Mersey River), are reported as having remained all through the cold months. I noticed one individual last Saturday (August 6) on this side of the river—probably one from the east side over for a change of air, and it is too early yet for the migrants' return. It is remarkable that, in spite of the comparatively mild winter and several pairs of Swallows remaining with us, I have not noticed a single Pipit, Fantailed Cuckoo, or "Summer Bird" (*Coracina*) since the autumn, although it is the usual thing for a few individuals of each of these species to be seen within the Devonport boundaries during the winter months.—H. STUART DOVE, R.A.O.U., West Devonport, Tas.