

Finches, various types of (Kimberley)	800
Zebra Finches	11
Gouldian Finches	8
Diamond Finches	6
Galahs	10
Brownbacks	8
Doves and Pigeons	178
Black Cockatoos	2
White Cockatoos	5
Cockatiels	2
Stanley Rosellas	6
Redcaps	30
King Parrots	3
Eagles	2
Emus	15

No seizures were made during the year of birds being illegally exported, but in many cases seamen on vessels about to sail were discovered to be in possession of birds (obtained in other States) for which no permits had been issued. In such instances permits were issued by this office to the extent of one bird for each person.

C. F. H. JENKINS,
Branch Secretary.

The "White-Eye."—In the early morning of September 3, 1932, there was a flock of about fifty "White-Eyes" (*Zosterops halmaturina*) in the Manna gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) just at the back of the cottage where I live. They seemed in a state of great excitement, continually flitting among the branchlets as if searching for insects, never still a minute, and constantly calling. Presently some flew down into a small wattle, where I had a good look at them while they searched the twigs; then the whole mob flew away with sharp calls towards another group of trees to the westward. This is the largest party that I have ever known to appear here; usually they go in small groups of ten or twelve individuals. Their number, their excitement, and their appearing so early in the morning, makes me think that they may have come across during the night from King Island or even from the Victorian coast. Is it possible that instinct had warned them of the approaching earth-tremor, which shook southern Victoria at 4.22 a.m. the following morning, and they decided to make for the safer side? We know, from the reports of various observers, that animals are often agitated much in advance of any unusual disturbance, their keener senses enabling them to detect its approach long before man feels anything out-of-the-way.—H. STUART DOVE, R.A.O.U., Devonport, Tasmania, 7/9/32.