

## Obituaries

### GEORGE SAVIDGE

On April 28, 1932, Mr. G. Savidge died at Copmanhurst, New South Wales, where he had resided for many years. He had been a member of the R.A.O.U. almost from its inception, and was particularly interested in the nests and eggs of our birds. In building up a valuable collection of eggs he had the assistance of his son. Together they frequently used for collecting purposes a rope ladder 110 feet long, and at times they had to contrive means to lengthen the ladder when ascending to nests of Accipitres. Mr. Savidge was a keen and careful observer, and many of his notes are on permanent record in *Nests and Eggs of Birds Found Breeding in Australia and Tasmania* by the late Alfred J. North, who received from Mr. Savidge much valuable material when compiling that work. At page 185 of Vol. 3 there is an illustration showing Mr. Savidge's ladder in use for the purpose of examining a Goshawk's nest. Probably the last clutch of eggs taken by him was that of a Lotus Bird (*Irediparra gallinacea*) mention of which, together with interesting notes relative thereto, appear in *The Emu*, Vol. XXXI, pages 313-14. It is regretted that a notification of Mr. Savidge's death did not appear in *The Emu* earlier, but the writer was seeking more information from Mr. Savidge's family, which, however, did not come to hand.—J.A.R.

### CARL F. T. LADWIG

Born at Sassnitz, on Rügen Island, in the Baltic Sea, in 1862, Mr. Ladwig left that place when eighteen years of age and went to South Australia, where he resided for a few years, and then settled in Victoria. For many years he resided and was engaged in business at Prahran, where he died on January 21, 1933. His signature appears on Plate 1 of Vol. I of *The Emu* as one of those who were present at the meeting which appointed the Provisional (First) Committee of the Australian Ornithologists' Union. He was an enthusiastic sportsman with rod and gun, and made numerous bird-observing excursions in the spring of each year in the company of long-standing members of the Union. Gifted with quick sight and keen hearing, he had acquired a very wide acquaintance with our native birds. He was a member of the party which visited Mallacoota immediately after the annual meeting of the R.A.O.U. at Melbourne in November, 1914. His last excursion was to Barmah, on the River Murray, during the Christmas holidays last year, when with three friends, including A. H. Mattingley and J. A. Ross, seventy-two species of birds were noted. He is survived by one daughter.—J.A.R.