

**The Rainbow-bird** (*Merops ornatus*).—Usually this dainty, brilliant-hued bird breeds in considerable numbers along the sandy banks of the Broken River, but this year (season 1933-4) only one pair stayed to nest. Of the small party that arrived, the rest passed on. The pair that stayed drove several tunnels, but discarded each in turn, but now (January 18, 1934) are apparently feeding young. They vary little in their times of arrival here, as the following dates will show:—1928, October 30; 1929, October 22; 1930, October 19; 1931, October 29; 1932, October 10; 1933, October 15. On October 6, 1929, a small party was seen seven or eight miles north-east from here, but they did not arrive on the river until October 22.—A. E. BRIDGEWATER, R.A.O.U., Mansfield, Victoria.