

Short key to the species here included:—

Upper surface brown or grey, bill more than 0.4 in., forehead plain, brows white, lores black (male) or grey (female), throat often streaked .. **Sericornis, Acanthornis**

Shoulder feathers edged white.

Tail feathers with dark band and well tipped white.

Throat and breast boldly streaked.

Abdomen yellowish (pale in eastern races) .. .. **S. maculata**

Abdomen and under wing coverts white .. .. **S. balstoni**

Underparts plain sulphur .. **S. laevigaster**

Secondary wing feathers edged white .. .. **Acanthornis magna**

Tail band obscure or absent, little or no white tips.

Throat streaked, abdomen yellowish (crown greyer in some races) .. .. **S. frontalis**

Throat and upper breast flecked, abdomen olive .. **S. humilis**

Throat plain, abdomen sulphur, bill 0.5 in. .. .. **S. minimus**

Colour, brown, no white on wings.

Throat and brows yellow .. **S. lathamii**

Throat tawny (male) or whitish (female), lores tawny .. .. **S. magnirostris**

Throat white, under surface hazel-brown .. .. **Origma rubricata**

Black crescent below white throat .. .. **Oreoscopus gutturalis**

Colour, grey, tail tipped white, throat tawny in male .. .. **Pyrrolæmus brunneus**

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**Skylarks Made Drunk.**—I append the following extract from the *Brisbane Sunday Mail*, of May 20, 1934:—

"Bird-singing competitions, in which Sky-Larks in darkened cages are made drunk until they begin to sing, were condemned by Eric Parker, authority on bird life, at a meeting organized by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the University of London Animal Welfare Society, says a London message.

"The method of making Sky-Larks sing is to give them wire-worms soaked in old Scotch whisky," Parker said. "The birds are fed in covered cages until they begin to sing, and they do not sing until they are drunk."

They then oblige, presumably, in Gaelic!—A. C. CAMERON, Biddeston, Qld., 21/3/35.