

be a tendency to nest as a group, particularly when the bird density is high.

Once a few birds have commenced to nest in an area, others tend to nest in proximity, and it is suggested that wood-swallows, in particular, form a basic influence in this regard.

It is considered that this grouping is brought about by the tendency of birds to follow the instinctive behaviour patterns of their fellows.

Some of the larger birds, by their aggressiveness to smaller birds, have an influence in certain localities in restricting the areas for the smaller birds to breed in, and a few combinations of birds seem to associate for protective reasons.

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**Scrub-Turkey Fines.**—In *The Daily Examiner*, Grafton, of June 13, 1953, is an account of two men each fined £10 and costs, one for killing a Scrub-Turkey and the other for having it in his possession. The magistrate said—"I take a serious view of this. I am surprised at young men like you shooting rare fauna. You should protect it."

It is pleasing to report that the Clarence Valley Field Naturalists Club, with headquarters in Grafton, has played a large part in bringing before the public the necessity of protecting rare fauna in the district. Its Rangers Panel regularly patrols popular duck-shooting areas and has done much to prevent depredations and to establish real protection.—LYLE RHODES, South Grafton, N.S.W., 16/6/53.