

re-measured by the writer. This, of course, is not intended to imply inaccuracy in the former author's measurements.

Skeletal material has been excluded. Nineteen Victorian *turtur* skins, including one quoted by Serventy in the paper by Learmonth, but excluding the Cape Otway bird, give the following minimum and maximum measurements. All measurements in millimetres.

*P. crossirostris* (Portland skin B6840).

Serventy measurements, *Emu*, vol. 57, p. 59. Culmen 24.3, bill width 12.3, bill depth 7.7, wing 178, tail 89, tail band c.41, tarsus 31, middle toe and claw 39.

McEvey measurements. 24.5, 12.3, 8, 177 and 182, 93, c.41, 30, 39 (estimated).

*P. turtur* (nineteen skins, minimum and maximum measurements in same order).

20-24, 7.5-11, 6.5-8.5, 155-184, 81-93, c.31-c.48 (this last maximum a remarkable individual example), 29-33, 36-40.5 (estimated).

Cape Otway skin.

22.5, 10.5, 8.5, 172, 86, c.41, 32, 41.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Cape Otway specimen falls readily within the range of *turtur* in all measurements excepting the last, and there is no justifiable reason for further doubting its identity as *P. turtur*. It has accordingly been so registered, as No. B6985.

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**Tree Sparrow in the Riverina.**—In *The Emu*, vol. 56, p. 434, I wrote that the Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) did not occur in the Riverina west of a line Tocumwal/Jerilderie/Hay. It now appears this remark was a little premature, as on March 14, 1957, I saw three Tree Sparrows in the main street of Tocumwal and have seen them there subsequently. In 1955 I resided for a month in Tocumwal and, in fact, had many of my meals at the cafe outside which the birds are usually to be seen. Since then I have been a frequent visitor to the town, but had not recorded the Tree Sparrow there until March. The obvious inference is that the birds are new arrivals. Since March I have examined every sparrow seen in Finley, my present home town, but am convinced the Tree Sparrow has not reached here yet. It will be of interest to see how long it takes the Tree Sparrow to bridge the 13 miles between the two towns.

In August 1956, I found the Tree Sparrow quite common at Wagga Wagga, and in November 1956, although in a different area, I saw ten Tree Sparrows in the main street of Orbost, Victoria.—JOHN N. HOBBS, Finley, N.S.W., 7/5.57.

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The death has occurred of Dr. W. R. B. Oliver. An obituary notice will be published shortly.