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Ground Parrot 'Pocket'.—During a recent stay of two weeks at Yamba, a seaside resort at the mouth of the Clarence River, N.S.W., I noted fifty-one species of birds positively identified and another dozen the identity of which I was not sure. Amongst those identified, the birds that held for me, an inland, the greatest interest were Jabiru, White-breasted Sea-Eagle, Emu-Wren, Pheasant-Coucal and Ground Parrot.

The thrill of seeing the last-named was intense. I wonder whether this isolated pocket of Ground Parrots is generally known. I believe that some forty years ago there were numbers of the birds in the area, ranging to within a hundred yards or so of where the Yamba golf links are now under construction. I had heard of the possibility of their existence, and I sought the help of Mr. Percy Dwyir who owns some ten thousand acres of sand-dune, swamp and low hilly country, bordered on one side by the Pacific Ocean and on the other by Swan Lake, the lake running roughly parallel with the ocean some three miles inland.

Mr. Dwyir knew of the bird and on his fine horses we rode many miles throughout the day, finally flushing a Parrot and almost immediately another six. These seven birds flew in various directions for distances varying from fifty to two hundred and fifty yards and we found—contrary to most reports I have read—that the birds flushed easily a second and even a third and fourth time as we pursued them.

I am almost certain that in the whole area these were the only Ground Parrots. They lived in a permanent swamp that drained down between old colonized sand-dunes. The birds were about half a mile from the ocean and about a hundred and fifty feet above sea level. My pleasure in finding the birds was diminished in the conclusion that I reached that this small pocket of *Pezoporus* constituted the sole survivors of a 'colony' of numerous birds that had flourished there before white man in his 'wisdom' had introduced his 'partners in crime'—the fox and the cat.—A. C. HUNT, Culwalla, Inverell, N.S.W., 29/3/58.