

*Meliornis niger*. White-cheeked Honeyeater.

In a thick patch of *Melaleuca megacephala* near Balline homestead, one pair was noted.

*Corvus coronoides*. Raven.

At the Murchison River two birds not quite fully fledged were examined and identified as this species.

*Strepera versicolor*. Grey Currawong.

An individual was observed at the lower Gingin Brook, and another at Balline. Between Geraldton and Dongara, it was sparsely distributed.

#### SUMMARY

The discovery of *Eopsaltria georgiana* (= *Quoyornis georgianus*) in dense *Acacia* thickets between Geraldton and Dongara, some 200 miles north of its previously-known limit, was the highlight of our field excursion.

Additions to the Murchison River embouchure bird list are: *Geopelia cuneata*, *Erythrogonyx cinctus*, *Charadrius leschenaultii*, *Tringa brevipes*, *Pyrrholaemus brunneus* and *Artamus personatus*. Thus, together with Sedgwick's (1949) list and Buller's (1950) observations, 139 species have been recorded in this locality.

The known ranges of *Porzana fluminea* and *Charadrius cucullatus* were extended to Hutt Lagoon and Port Gregory respectively.

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