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Bar-shouldered Dove near Sydney .- On July 24, 1960, my wife and I were driving from Wiseman's Ferry to Sydney. A mile or so west of the Galston Gorge the road leaves the settled area and enters the scrubland which extends to the foot of the Gorge. A section of the road through the scrub is unsealed, and at one point a little creek runs across a dip in the road. Here we were interested to see two Bar-shouldered Doves (Geopelia humeralis) pecking about. We watched them for a few moments and then drove on.

In June 1959 I had renewed acquaintance with this species at Cairns, and it was interesting to meet it again in N.S.W. It struck me later, however, that Galston was somewhat far south of the usual range of this dove. Accordingly, I rang Mr. A. H. Chisholm, who informed me that one of a pair had been shot at Penshurst, N.S.W., in 1928. The species is apparently a rare straggler to the Sydney district. As I was ignorant of this fact at the time, I did not take careful notes of mileages on the trip; that is why I have described the spot in detail.

If the two Galston birds were a pair, as seems likely, then possibly some local observer may be able to record the species as breeding in the area. — C. SULLIVAN,

Moorabbin, Vic., 20/8/60,

Little Whimbrel in Queensland.—On October 9, 1960, my husband and I were driving along the Cook Highway between Port Douglas and Cairns. Just past Hartleys Creek, on the Port Douglas side, we found a dead wader on the road. As we are not very sure of our waders, and do not like to jump to wrong conclusions, I pulled a few feathers from the wing, breast and tail and made a general description of the bird. These were sent to Mr. A. R. McEvey at the Melbourne Museum for identification, and it proved to be a Little Whimbrel (Mesoscolopax minutus). I understand that this species is not recorded very often in Australia and thought the observation might be of some interest to wader enthusiasts. - MARION L. CASSELS. Cairns, N. Qld., 25/10/1960.