

resort. Subsequently, following an excursion by Dr. G. F. Mees of the W.A. Museum, Mr. Webster located upwards of 30 singing males in thickly vegetated ravines on Mt. Gardner, in the near vicinity of the original find. The vigorous vibrant song was tape-recorded and broadcast throughout the continent by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. The bird is not shy, in the usual sense of the term, but extraordinarily elusive and a satisfactory view of it is most difficult. However, at the site of the original discovery it may be readily heard singing, and fleeting glimpses obtained. The Western Australian Government has placed a complete ban on collecting specimens for two years and steps are being taken to proclaim the area as a sanctuary.—D.L.S.

News and Notes

A HANDBOOK OF AUSTRALIAN SEA-BIRDS

Glossy bird photographs of good contrast that are pin-sharp are needed for the above work by D. L. and V. N. Serventy and John Warham to be published by Oliver & Boyd. Species required are Black-naped, Gull-billed, Whiskered, Little, Lesser-Crested and White-winged Black Terns; Little Black Cormorant; Brown-headed and Gould Petrels. All photographs used will be credited and paid for and should be sent to John Warham, c/o Barclay's Bank Ltd., Retford, Notts., England.

TEN-YEAR INDEX TO *The Emu*, VOLS. 51-60

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NEW CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia—a private body that owes no responsibility to the Government—was formally constituted on June 8, 1962. Dr. H. G. Andrewartha, Reader in Animal Ecology, University of Adelaide, was elected president. The broad aim of the Society is to work for the preservation of representative samples of nature, both organic and inorganic, chiefly by research and the dissemination of knowledge—an approach that should win the support of all genuine conservationists.

CORRECTION

In Vol. 62, pt. 1, page 9, line 27, (Figure 6, v) should read (Figure 2, v).

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The attention of members is drawn to the detailed notice, published in Vol. 61, pt. 4, pp. 326-327, concerning the 1962 Annual Congress and Field-outing in New Zealand. Please note that the closing date for bookings has been extended to August 31.

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