

hampton, in 1924; at Biggenden and Fraser Island in 1930, and Binna Burra in 1947, were long remembered and produced some notable results in field observations as was duly recorded in *The Emu*.

This latter Campout illustrates some of his talents. Knowing this area as a superb site for observing the little known rain-forest species he arranged the Campout there for 1937. It happened that few members booked and there was no Campout that year. George Barker was undaunted. On October 15, 1946 at the Annual Meeting in Melbourne it was decided that, as the War was over and peaceful activities were being resumed, a Campout should be held in 1947. Mr. Barker promptly invited the Union to hold this function at Binna Burra in Queensland. The result was not only a happy Campout then, but ever since an increasing number has enjoyed bird watching in the Lamington National Park.

G. H. Barker was most generous and helpful to local members in many ways. He firmly believed that books were for use and would freely lend expensive books, such as Mathews *Birds of Australia* from his own extensive library to fellow workers engaged in article writing. In this and other ways he assisted others to secure material for contributions to *The Emu*, though strangely little from his own nimble pen appears therein. His memorial is rather in the memories of his contemporaries.

Mr. Barker is survived by his wife, their married children, and many descendants to whom the sympathy and appreciation of members is expressed.—J. S. ROBERTSON.

News and Notes

XIV INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, OXFORD,

24th-30th JULY 1966

(3rd Announcement)

The preparations for the Congress and the preceding Scottish Bird Island Study Cruise are well advanced. Bookings for the cruise have been very satisfactory, and the organizers can promise unusual opportunities for bird study. After an official opening of the Congress itself in the Sheldonian Theatre on Sunday night, 24th July, there will be five plenary sessions in the mornings of the following week, at which a number of prominent research workers will report on recent advances in the fields of Ecology, Vocal Communication, Orientation, Systematics and Reproductive Physiology. Five afternoons will be devoted to sectional sessions. Various excursions will be organized on Wednesday 27th July. Throughout the Congress members will be welcome in Rhodes House, which will be available as a "social centre". The Congress will end with a traditional Garden Party in Trinity College.

The organizers will do their utmost to ensure prompt publication of the Proceedings. It is hoped to have the Volume of Abstracts available at the opening of the Congress, and to publish the full text of the papers read by invitation at the Plenary Sessions in a volume of Proceedings, to appear as soon as possible after the Congress.

To help with the above and because the time is approaching for definite confirmation of provisional bookings with colleges, lecture halls etc.,

colleagues who are intending to participate but have not yet registered are requested to write to me for application forms without delay. These, together with abstracts (if any), should reach us as soon as possible and in any case *not later than 1st March, 1966*.—N. TINBERGEN, Secretary-General, I.O.C., Parks Road, Oxford, U.K.

BUDGERYGAH SURVEY

In connection with a research project investigating adaptation of birds to the desert environment, I am making a survey of nomadic behaviour of the Budgerygah.

I would like to ask the help of any member who has personal records or knows of literature records of either—(a) breeding congregations of these birds, i.e., more or less high density breeding associations surrounded mainly by areas of little or no breeding, or (b) large non-breeding flocks as occasionally seen at waterholes, in flight, etc.

I am aware of the time and effort required to search through personal records, but please do not hesitate to write, no matter how insignificant your information may seem. Each item is important in itself, as the sum total of many records may give clearer understanding of the pattern of movement as a whole in this species.—ERIC LINDGREN, Dept. of Zoology, University of W.A. Nedlands, W.A.

A FIELD-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF CANBERRA AND DISTRICT

The A.C.T. Branch of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union has just published *A Field-List of the Birds of Canberra and District*. This attractively printed 16-page pocket-size booklet summarizes present knowledge of the 254 species recorded from the district. For each species it lists the locations and types of habitat and shows diagrammatically the breeding season and the numerical status throughout the year.

Though designed particularly for field use in the Canberra district, the booklet will be a valuable source of information for anyone interested in Australian birds. The graphic method of setting out the occurrence and breeding season of birds is perhaps not well known in Australia; this is another reason why the booklet should be of interest.

Copies may be obtained from Mr. W. H. Oldham, 14 Willcock Place, Curtin, A.C.T. The price is three shillings or 30 cents (posted—3/5 or 34 cents).

Library Books

A complete survey of the library is now being carried out.

The records reveal that there are many books noted against borrowers and reviewers that have not been returned. Some of the books have been out for so long that borrowers and reviewers may be excused for thinking of them as their own property.

Every member will appreciate the magnitude of the task that confronts the honorary officers of the Union. It would assist them greatly, and save the expense of letter writing and postage, if all members who have books belonging to the R.A.O.U. in their possession would return them promptly.

Your prompt co-operation in returning these books would be appreciated.—ROY P. COOPER, Honorary Librarian.

COPIES OF EMU PART REQUESTED

The stocks of Volume 65, Part 1 of *The Emu*, held by the R.A.O.U. are almost exhausted. If anyone has a copy of this part which is not needed the Hon. Gen. Sec. would be very grateful if it could be returned to him. Returns of unwanted copies of this part may save the Union some embarrassment.

CONGRESSES AND FIELD OUTINGS

1966—The Congress will be held in Brisbane on October 15, 1966 and the Field Outing at Toowoomba, commencing on October 17. Further details will be published as they come to hand.

1967—The 1967 Field Outing will be held in the Northern Territory in late July and/or early August. It is proposed that it shall be in two parts, viz., about a week or slightly longer, based on Darwin, visiting nesting areas within a fifty-mile radius thereof, followed by three or four days based on Mataranka, some two hundred miles to the south. Further details will appear in due course.

CORRIGENDA

The following errors have occurred in Volume 65 of *The Emu*:

- Page 2—Under (2) near foot of page. For "page 17" after "See abbreviations" read "page 18".
- Page 7—Seventh line from bottom, instead of "see pp. 42-43" read "see pp. 43-44".
- Page 10—Following "Other habitats (O)", "Throughout district" in right-hand column refers to "Vines" in third column.
- Page 17—Under "Class *Mammalia*", *Potaurus* should read *Potorous*.
- Page 21—Under "*Chlidonias hybrida*, Marsh Tern" for "*Juncus actus*" read "*Juncus acutus*".
- Page 23—Bottom line, for "Jan. 6, 1960" read "Jan. 6, 1950".
- Page 27—For "Cocatiel" read "Cockatiel".
- Page 28—Under "*Platycercus eximius*, Eastern Rosella", for "p. 48" read "p. 51".
- Under "*Psephotus haematonotus*, Red-backed Parrot", insert comma after "roadside".
- Page 34—Under "*Pteropodocys maxima*, Ground Cuckoo-Shrike", for "ca. 1949-5" read "ca. 1949-50".
- Under "*Lalage sueurii*, White-winged Triller" for "1960, Jan. 9" in sixth line read "1950, Jan. 9".
- Page 35—In third species from top, for "*Pomatostomus superciliosus*, White-browed Babbler", read "*Epthianura albifrons*, White-fronted Chat".
- Page 38—Enclose "*Neositta* spp., sittellas" in square brackets.
- Page 44—Under (v), for "pages 7-8" read "pages 9-10".
- Page 45—From TABLE 3, (a) Inland, delete one of the two entries of *Psephotus haematonotus*.
- Page 50—Under Crested Pigeon, for "p. 18" read "p. 14".
- Page 55—Under *Coracina novae-hollandiae*, for "♂ Rutherglen" read "♀ Rutherglen".
- Page 75—In, "A note on Whistlers" "(in litt. 30/1061)" should read "(in litt. 30/1/61)".
- Page 148—The list of references which should have accompanied the Stray Feather, "Down colouring of some Australian parrots", by John Courtney, was inadvertently omitted. It read as follows:

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- Cayley, N. W. 1938. *Australian Parrots*. Sydney.
- Forshaw, J. M. 1963. The Parrots of Australia, *Avicult. Mag.* **69** (4): 160-169.
- Hedges, F. G. 1926. Breeding of the Gang-gang Cochattoo, *Emu* **25**: 292-293.
- Also in this "Stray", in the last line, for *Eclectus* read *Lorius*.