

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RAOU NEST RECORD SCHEME

This is my first report since I was appointed organizer of the Nest Record Scheme. I wish to acknowledge the assistance given me by Mr S. Marchant. I also want to thank all participants who have been so co-operative and understanding during my early problems in running the Scheme.

TABLE I

Contributors to the scheme for 1972-73 (number of cards in brackets after name)

G. Alcorn, W. Alcorn, H. Watkin (61) NSW  
 P. Allan (70) Vic.  
 P. Balmford (13) Vic.  
 Mrs R. Bigg (35) NSW  
 E. C. Birt (2) Q  
 BOC (F. F. James) (247) Vic.  
 M. G. Brooker, J. Estbergs, M. Jones (169) WA  
 R. J. and M. N. Brown (17) WA  
 R. Buckingham (26) Vic.  
 P. Bulfin, E. O. Dawson (10) Vic.  
 Miss E. Cameron (17) NSW  
 M. Cairns (1) ACT  
 Mrs C. C. Crowe (61) NSW  
 D. D. Dow (19) Q  
 N. J. Favaloro (16) Vic.  
 R. Garstone (76) WA  
 C. L. Gill (16) SA  
 D. G. Gosper (84) NSW  
 Mrs A. Grant (18) NT  
 C. Green (183) ACT  
 L. C. Heinecke, E. F. Boehm (70) SA  
 Miss M. Hill (13) Vic.  
 J. N. Hobbs (123) NSW  
 B. Holt (1) ACT  
 R. Jaensh (35) SA  
 F. F. James (42) Vic.  
 M. Johnson (6) NSW  
 Mrs J. Johnstone (22) Vic.  
 J. Jolly (2)  
 N. Lamb (11) ACT  
 S. G. Lane (5) NSW  
 V. T. and T. G. Lowe (55) Vic.  
 S. Marchant (73) Vic.  
 Mrs. H. M. McArthur (11) SA  
 Mrs E. McCulloch (7) Vic.  
 J. McKean (13) NT  
 A. K. Morris, N. K. Kurtz (36) NSW  
 O. M. G. Newman (9) Tas.  
 NSW FOC (5) NSW  
 P. Ollerenshaw (9) ACT  
 Mrs P. Park (60) Tas.  
 Mrs J. B. Paton (33) SA  
 D. E. Peters (1) Vic.  
 RAOU Field-outing (19) NSW  
 H. F. Recher (12) NSW  
 Mrs. P. N. Reilly (15) Vic.  
 N. Schrader (27) NSW  
 E. Sedgwick (5) WA  
 M. J. Seyfort (33) Vic.  
 Sir Henry Somerset (10) Vic.  
 C. Spiker (14) Vic.  
 M. T. Templeton (42) Tas.  
 VORG (Mrs H. Young) (188) Vic.  
 N. Weatherill (40) Vic.  
 J. Wheeler, L. Millar, I. Tiley (70) Vic.  
 E. Wyndham (34) NSW

### PARTICIPATION

Between 1 July 1972 and 1 July 1973 the following twelve individuals and one corporate body have joined the Scheme:

P. A. Bourke (NSW)	Mrs P. N. Reilly (Vic.)
M. N. Brown (WA)	P. J. Roberts (ACT)
D. H. Close (SA)	Sir Henry Somerset (Vic.)
D. H. Dart (WA)	C. Spiker (Vic.)
N. J. Favaloro (Vic.)	Mrs B. Triggs (Vic.)
M. Johnson (NSW)	NSW Field Ornithologists'
A. Leishman (NSW)	Club

A total of 2,292 cards was returned during the season ending 30 June 1973. Of these 418 were for previous years and have altered the annual totals, leaving a total of 1,874 for the 1972-73 season.

Some cards submitted for past seasons were replacements for some that had been lost and Mr G. S. Clark is to be congratulated for copying, from Mr C. Green's notes, details of these cards. Mr Green has supplied cards for 1970-71. Other contributors have extracted details from their notes for cards going back as far as 1958.

Early in 1973 Mr F. F. James was appointed by the BOC as their representative for the NRS and I wish to thank him for his help. The BOC contribution of 247 cards included 121 recorded during their tour of Western Australia in the spring of 1972.

As in previous years the Scheme has had the firm support of participants who regularly contribute. I wish to thank and congratulate everyone who has participated in the Scheme for their work and their interest. In only two other years since the Scheme started has there been a larger number of cards. Sixty-three individuals and four corporate bodies contributed to the Scheme during 1972-73. Table I lists the contributions for the year.

### RESULTS

The total number of completed cards in the Scheme is now 17,512 and the annual totals are as follows:

Pre-1964	802
1964-65	1,601
1965-66	1,640
1966-67	1,786
1967-68	2,405
1968-69	2,406
1969-70	1,595
1970-71	1,653
1971-72	1,750
1972-73	1,874
	17,512

These represent 465 species, an increase of nine species this season. Seven species are added to the list of detailed returns for which there are 100, or more, cards in the collection. These are listed in Table II.

During the year the following six people borrowed cards from the collection:

Miss E. Cameron	Willie Wagtail, Grey Fantail, Rufous Fantail
S. Marchant	Willie Wagtail
Mrs E. McCulloch	Bell Miner
Mrs P. Reilly	Fairy Martin
Mrs S. Tingay	Magpie Lark
E. Wyndam	Budgerigar

TABLE II  
Species list of Nest Record Cards (only species with  
100 or more cards)

	to 1971	1971- 72	1972- 73	Total		to 1971	1971- 72	1972- 73	Total
Fairy Penguin	194	20	6	220	Superb Blue Wren	359	47	35	441
Crested Pigeon	194	18	32	224	White-browed Woodswallow	120	13	30	163
Spur-winged Plover	840	16	21	877	Dusky Woodswallow	169	10	16	195
Banded Plover	166	5	23	194	Silvereye	218	36	23	277
Red-capped Dotterel	194	6	5	205	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	156	34	7	197
Nankeen Kestrel	68	14	18	100	White-plumed Honeyeater	90	10	23	123
Laughing Kookaburra	87	6	7	100	New Holland Honeyeater	134	36	13	183
Superb Lyrebird	97	14	9	120	Noisy Miner	118	29	19	166
Welcome Swallow	378	56	116	550	Red Wattlebird	78	15	9	102
Grey Fantail	313	43	23	379	Pipit	87	8	18	113
Willie Wagtail	493	79	96	668	Zebra Finch	98	10	19	127
Yellow Robin	229	38	22	289	Banded Finch	98	6	10	114
Rufous Whistler	174	22	16	212	Red-browed Finch	178	57	61	296
Grey Shrike-thrush	130	24	6	160	White-winged Chough	130	29	11	170
Magpie Lark	329	28	48	405	Black-backed Magpie	190	9	12	211
Black-faced Cuckoo- shrike	120	16	15	151	White-backed Magpie	168	30	10	208
White-winged Triller	98	8	17	123	Little Raven	132	23	12	167
White-fronted Chat	131	10	24	165	Blackbird	270	41	41	352
White-throated Warbler	116	1	2	119	House Sparrow	88	3	20	111
Brown Thornbill	103	21	14	138	Goldfinch	266	29	33	328
Yellow-tailed Thornbill	322	27	22	371	Starling	186	28	39	253
Reed Warbler	101	15	10	126					

Dr H. J. Lavery requested details of clutch-size of the Large-billed Scrub Wren.

It is gratifying to know that the increasing interest in the Scheme is not only resulting in the gradual build-up of data but that individuals working on specific aspects are finding the collection valuable. It is also rewarding to all those people who work so hard recording details to know that their efforts are being used and appreciated.

Details regarding borrowing the cards are in the *RAOU Newsletter* No. 15, May 1973. In this *Newsletter* I stated, in error, that the entire collections of

Crested Pigeon and Noisy Miner cards were missing from the collection. There are, however, 'runs' of cards missing and in the *Newsletter* I will give details of reference numbers and, where possible, dates of these cards. I would be grateful if those people who have borrowed cards of either species in the past would check in case they still retain some of them.

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## CORRIGENDUM

In my paper, 'Comments on taxonomy and relationships in the parrot subfamilies Nestorinae, Loriinae and Platycercinae', *Emu* (1973) 73: 157-176, the new name 'Psittaculirostrinae' was proposed for the fig-parrots of the genus *Psittaculirostris*. I am grateful to Dr E. Mayr for pointing out to me that Article 40 of the International Code for Zoological Nomenclature reserves family-group names even if the name of the type-genus changes; thus Cyclopsittacinae is the correct name for this subfamily and Psittaculirostrinae should be synonymized with it. Throughout the paper I used the name '*Domicella*' for the loriine genus *Lorius*; the latter name was restored by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature several years ago.

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