

A FIRST LIST OF THE BIRDS OF TASMAN'S
PENINSULA.

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The subjoined list is not the work of a scientific ornithologist, but of one who has spent a good many hours in ambush, an interested observer of the manners and customs of birds. There are a few of those included in the list which are not of common occurrence in the district above designated; these have been collated with specimens in the Museum, or with Gould's descriptions and plates. The field of observation is within a radius of a mile from the settlement at Koonya, unless otherwise stated in a note. The classification is adopted from "A Systematic List of Tasmanian Birds," by Col. W. V. Legge, R.A., F.L.S.

ACCIPITRES.

1. *ASTUR NOVÆ HOLLANDIÆ, Gmelin.* White Goshawk.
Two or three seen within the last four years.
2. *UROÆTUS AUDAX, Latham.* Wedge-tailed Eagle.
3. *HALIÆTUS LEUCOGASTER, Gmelin.* Grey-backed Sea Eagle.
One seen on the Eastern Coast near Tasman's Arch.
4. *HIERACIDEA ORIENTALIS, Schlegel.* Brown Hawk.
5. *NINOX BOOBOOK, Latham.* Brown Hawk Owl. (Ewing
in *Tas. Jour.* i. 53).
6. *NINOX MACULATA, Vig. and Horsf.* Spotted Hawk Owl.
Often heard. One was caught in the kitchen of a house,
having flown in.

PSITTACI.

7. *CALYPTORHYNCHUS XANTHONOTUS, Gould.* Black Cockatoo.
Frequent. Said by the country people to presage rain.
8. *PLATYCERCUS FLAVIVENTRIS, Temminck.* Yellow-bellied
Parrakeet.
9. *PEZOPORUS FORMOSUS, Latham.* Ground Parrakeet.
On the downs of native grass on the N.W. side.
10. *LATHAMUS DISCOLOR, Shaw.* Swift Lorikeet.

PICARIÆ.

11. *CUCULUS PALLIDUS, Latham.* Pallid Cuckoo.
12. *CUCULUS FLABELLIFORMIS, Latham.* Fantailed Cuckoo.
12. *PODARGUS CUVIERI, Vig. and Horsf.* More Pork.
About the old buildings, from which it is difficult to
dislodge them, even with sticks and stones.

PASSERES.

14. *CORONE AUSTRALIS*, *Gould*. White-eyed Crow.
15. *STREPERA FULIGINOSA*, *Gould*. Black Magpie.
Seen rarely.
16. *STREPERA ARGUTA*, *Gould*. Hill Magpie.
As many as twenty together occasionally.
17. *GRAUCULUS PARVIROSTRIS*, *Gould*. Summer Bird.
Arrives in the latter part of October.
18. *COLLYRIOCINCLA RECTIROSTRIS*, *Jard and Selby*. Whistling Shrike Thrush.
Known as "Whistling Dick," or locally and anthropomorphically, "Black-eyed Susan." Man's nearness to the animal is rudely indicated in these friendly and familiar appellations.
19. *GYMNORHINA HYPERLEUCA*, *Gould*. Magpie.
First domiciled at Saltwater River, this bird has reached Impression Bay. The Sparrow has advanced in the same direction.
20. *CRATICUS CINEREUS*, *Gould*. Butcher Bird.
Its piping note is heard from time to time.
21. *PACHYCEPHALA OLIVACEA*, *Vig. and Horsf.* Olivaceous Thickhead.
22. *PACHYCEPHALA GLAUCURA*, *Gould*. Grey-tailed Thickhead.
This bird, or *P. gutturalis*, was observed once in the gully behind Koonya.
23. *RHIPIDURA SATURATA*, *Sharpe*. Fantail.
Called by boys "Cranky Fan" from its erratic movements in pursuit of insects.
24. *MYIAGRA NITIDA*, *Gould*. Shining Flycatcher.
Seen once near Taranna.
25. *PETRÆCA LEGGII*, *Sharpe*. Scarlet-breasted Robin.
26. *PETRÆCA PHENICEA*, *Gould*. Flame-breasted Robin.
The female has the under surface grey. See *Gould* i. 283.
27. *PETRÆCA RHODINOASTER*, *Drapier*. Pink-breasted Robin.
The nest is exquisitely adorned with lichen.
28. *PETRÆCA VITTATA*, *Quoy et Gaimard*. Dusky Robin.
29. *MALURUS GOULDI*, *Sharpe*. Blue Wren.
The males through the winter in blue plumage are seen. See *Gould* i. 321.
30. *GEOCICHLA MACROBHYNCHA*, *Gould*. Ground Thrush.
31. *CINCLOSOMA PUNCTATUM*, *Lath*. Ground Bird.
32. *CALAMANTHUS FULIGINOSUS*, *Vig. and Horsf.* Rush Warbler.

33. STIPITURUS MALACHURUS, *Shaw*. Emu Wren.

Seen many years ago at Eagle Hawk Neck; lately, near Roaring Beach.

34. SERICORNIS HUMILIS, *Gould*. Sombre Bush Tit.

35. ACANTHIZA DIEMENENSIS, *Gould*. Brown Tail.

36. ACANTHORYNCHUS TENNIROSTRIS, *Lath*. Spine Bill.

Very easily beguiled by an imitation of its whistling notes.

37. MELITHREPTUS VALIDIROSTRIS, *Gould*. Strong-billed Honey-eater.

38. MELITHREPTUS MELANOCEPHALUS, *Gould*. Black-headed Honey-eater.

39. PTILOTIS FLAVIGULA, *Gould*. Yellow-throated Honey-eater.

The Spring note of this bird is almost as characteristic of the season as the note of the Summer-bird.

40. MELIORNIS NOVÆ HOLLANDIÆ, *Lath*. New Holland Honey-eater.

41. MELIORNIS AUSTRALASIANA, *Shaw*. Tasmanian Honey-eater.

The peculiar humming and clicking noise made by this bird is, I suppose, produced by the wings and mandibles.

42. ACANTHOCHÆRA INAURIS, *Gould*. Wattle Bird.

43. ACANTHOCHÆRA MELLIVORA, *Lath*. Brush Wattle Bird.

44. ZOSTEROPS CÆRULESCENS, *Lath*. White Eye.

45. PARDALOTUS PUNCTATUS, *Shaw and Nodder*. Diamond Bird.

46. PARDALOTUS AFFINIS, *Gould*. Allied Diamond Bird.

47. HIRUNDO NEOXENA, *Gould*. Australian Swallow.

48. ESTRELLA BELLA, *Lath*. Fire-tailed Finch.

49. ANTHUS AUSTRALIS, *Vig. and Horsf*. Australian Pipit.

COLUMBÆ.

50. PHAPS CHALCOPTERA, *Latham*. Bronze-wing.

GALLINÆ.

A Quail, but species not determined.

FULICARLÆ.

51. TRIBONYX GOULDI, *Sclater*. Native Hen.

One shot near Koonya.

GRALLÆ.

52. ÆGIALITES MONACHA, *Geoffrey*. Hooded Sand Plover.

53. *ÆGIALITES RUFICAPILLA*, *Temm.* Red-capped Sand Plover.

Both found on the Beach of Pirates Bay.

54. *LOBIVANELLUS LOBATUS*, *Latham.* Wattled Plover.

A bird answering to this shot near Safety Cove.

55. *HÆMATOPUS LONGIROSTRIS*, *Vieill.* White-breasted Oyster Catcher.

56. *HÆMATOPUS UNICOLOR*, *Wagler.* Sooty Oyster Catcher.

GAVIÆ.

57. *STERNA CASPIA*, *Pallas.* Caspian Tern.

Shot near Taranna.

58. *STERNA POLIOCERCA*, *Gould.* Bass's Straits Tern.

59. *LARUS PACIFICUS*, *Latham.* Pacific Gull.

60. *LARUS NOVÆ HOLLANDIÆ*, *Stephens.* Little Gull.

STEGANOPODES.

61. *SULA SERRATOR*, *Banks.* Australian Gannet.

This bird enters the water sidewise, and penetrating it first with one outstretched wing raises a small fountain of foam.

62. *PHALACROCORAX CARBO*, *Linu.* Common Cormorant.

63. *PHALACROCORAX LEUCOGASTER*, *Gould.* White-breasted Cormorant.

ANSERES.

64. *CYGNUS ATRATUS*, *Lath.* Black Swan.

Seen near Price's Flats. Also on lagoon near Lime Bay, where the nest has been found.

65. *ANAS SUPERCILIOSA*, *Gmelin.* Wild Duck.

On the agoons.

66. *ANAS CASTANEA*, *Egton.* Teal.

Shot near Koonya.

67. *BIZIURA LOBATA*, *Shaw.* Musk Duck.

Shot at Impression Bay.

HERODIONES.

68. *ARDEA NOVÆ HOLLANDIÆ*, *Lath.* White-fronted Heron.

Sometimes seen frequenting cultivated paddocks in winter.

69. *BOTAURUS POICILOPTERUS*, *Wagler.* Australian Bittern.

Found on the N.W. side.

IMPENNES.

70. *EUDYPTULA MINOR*, *Forster.* Little Penguin.

The following species probably belong to the district, but not with sufficient certainty to be placed in the above list:—*Strix castanops*, *Cuculus plagosus*, *Phaps elegans*, *Porphyrio cyanocephalus*, *Gallinago Australis*.