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 Hollandiae, Gmelin. White Goshawk. Two or three seen within the last four years.
6. Ninus Maculata, Vig. and Horsf. Spotted Hawk Owl. Often heard. One was caught in the kitchen of a house, having flown in.

PSITTACI.

PICARIA.
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.

   Seen rarely.
   As many as twenty together occasionally.
   Arrives in the latter part of October.
   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.
   First domiciled at Saltwater River, this bird has reached Impression Bay. The Sparrow has advanced in the same direction.
   Its piping note is heard from time to time.
21. Pachycephala olivacea, Vig. and Horst. Olivaceous Thickhead.
   This bird, or P. gutturalis, was observed once in the gully behind Koonya.
   Called by boys "Cranky Fan" from its erratic movements in pursuit of insects.
   Seen once near Taranna.
   The female has the under surface grey. See Gould i. 283.
   The nest is exquisitely adorned with lichen.
   The males through the winter in blue plumage are seen. See Gould i. 321.
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.
   Very easily beguiled by an imitation of its whistling notes.
   The Spring note of this bird is almost as characteristic of the season as the note of the Summer-bird.
41. Meliphaga 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.
44. Zosterops cærulescens, Lath. White Eye.
45. Pardalotus punctatus, Shaw and Nodder. Diamond Bird.
49. Anthus Australis, Vig. and Horsf. Australian Pipit.

COLUMBÆ.

GALLINÆ.
A Quail, but species not determined.

FULICARÆ.
   One shot near Koonya.

GRALLÆ.
52. Ægialites monacha, Geoffrey. Hooded Sand Plover.
   Both found on the Beach of Pirates Bay.
   A bird answering to this shot near Safety Cove.
55. *Hæmatopus longirostris*, Vieill. White-breasted Oyster Catcher.

**GAVLÆ.**
   Shot near Taranna.

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

**ANSERES.**
   Seen near Price's Flats. Also on lagoon near Lime Bay,
   where the nest has been found.
   On the agoons.
   Shot near Koonya.
   Shot at Impression Bay.

**HERODIONES.**
68. *Ardea Novæ Hollandiæ*, Lath. White-fronted Heron.
   Sometimes seen frequenting cultivated paddocks in winter.
   Found on the N.W. side.

**IMPENNES.**
   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
eyanocephalus*, *Gallinago Australis.*