

ON THE OCCURRENCE OF THE FANTAILED  
CUCKOO (*CUCULUS FLABELLIFORMIS*) IN  
TASMANIA.

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On the 26th ult. (June), while driving to Swansea with Mr. Wragge, a beautiful adult example of *Cuculus flabelliformis* (Fantailed cuckoo) flew across the road near Apsley. The tract of country being passed through was mixed gum, she-oak (*Casuarina*), and Oyster Bay pine bush, and the cuckoo lodged on a branch by the side of the road, affording us a good view of its plumage. Such a late occurrence of this migrant is worthy of record; it is not probable that it would winter here, for it is noteworthy that several of our summer visitants have been observed in this sheltered region late on into the winter, and the cuckoo that we saw was probably allured into a prolonged sojourn on the East Coast by the mildness of the climate. *Cuculus flabelliformis* (Lath.) is an inhabitant of most parts of the continent, ranging from Cape York to Victoria, and thence westward to West Australia, extending far inland beyond the Murray. It usually arrives in this country at the end of September or beginning of July, and departs again at the end of March and throughout the month of April. I may mention here that Mr. O. Adams, one of our surveyors, saw an example in 1887, at the Piper River, on the 24th July. Whether or not this was an immature bird I am unable to say; if so, there is no doubt that, like many *immature* migratory forms, it had remained behind in the country of its birth.