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# A LIST OF THE TYPES AND PARATYPES OF BIRDS FROM AUSTRALIAN LOCALITIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

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The following notes have been prepared with the object of placing on record, for future workers in taxonomy and nomenclature, the types and paratypes (or co-types) of birds from localities within Australia at present in the Australian Museum, Sydney. It is, so far as I am aware, a complete list. Particulars in the Museum registers and on labels attached to the specimens have been compared with published details accompanying the original descriptions of the specimens. Relevant facts, especially concerning type localities, have been included under the respective names.

The name proposed for a particular specimen, or a series of specimens, is given, together with a reference to the original description. This is followed by the registered number of the specimen and pertinent data. The present status of the names according to the *Official Checklist* of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union, second edition, 1926, and the *Systema Avium Australasianarum*, Gregory M. Mathews, 1927-1930, is then given. Explanatory notes have been added where necessary. Many of the names based on the specimens listed have since been placed in synonymy, or used tri-nomially to designate subspecies.

Earlier workers in ornithology frequently marked each of a series of skins as "type", or "one of the types". In several instances it was found that actual type material had been placed in the general reference collection. Only when the particulars of such specimens (locality, date, *et cetera*) agree with the published data have they been transferred to the type drawer.

In cases where more than a single specimen has been the basis of a name and the author has not indicated a type specimen I have selected a type, or the types of the male and female, and shown this by placing the word "(selected)" after the specimen or specimens.

Included among the type skins are two specimens of a flycatcher (Nos. O.349, O.350) from Derby, north Western Australia, bearing the manuscript name of *Microeca axillaris* Ramsay. Both skins are marked as types by Ramsay. A. J. North later added a note on the label to the effect that he had compared these specimens with the type of *M. pallida* De Vis, with which they agreed. The species represented is the Brown Flycatcher *M. fascinans* of the R.A.O.U. *Checklist* and *M. leucophaea pallida* of the *Systema Avium Australasianarum*.

A third specimen to which a manuscript name is attached is No. O.12859, from Cooktown, north Queensland, presented by E. C. A. Olive in 1902. North has written on the label "*Ninox oliverii*, type". The skin is that of the Rufous Owl, *N. rufa* of the R.A.O.U. *Checklist*, and *Rhabdoglaux rufa queenlandica* of the *Systema Avium Australasianarum*.

The Australian Museum also possesses a number of type specimens of birds from such localities as New Guinea, New Ireland, the Solomons, Fiji, New Hebrides, Lord Howe Island, and Henderson or Elizabeth Island (Paumotu Group or Low Archipelago).

The most interesting specimen amongst those listed is undoubtedly a paratype of *Amytornis goyderi*, the Eyrean Grass-Wren. It is the third known specimen of that species and was collected near Lake Eyre, central Australia, in December, 1874. Detailed

notes on this skin have recently been published in *The Emu* (Vol. xliv, Pt. 4, April, 1945, p. 323).

The following corrections to the R.A.O.U. *Checklist*, and the *Systema Avium Australasianarum*, will be necessary. *Poephila aurantiirostris* North should be quoted from *Linnean Society of New South Wales, Abstract of Proceedings*, May 28, 1902, p. 4; a more extended notice appears in the *Proceedings* of this Society, Vol. xxvii, Part 2, October 17, 1902, p. 208. The page reference to *Calamanthus albitorquis* should be 102, not 106. The page reference to *Scenopoeus dentirostris* Ramsay should be 591, not 491, in *Systema Avium Australasianarum*.

**TURNIX LEUCOGASTER** North, *The Ibis* (7), i, 3, July, 1895, p. 342.

Type: O.9162, ♀, Davenport Creek, central Australia (Horn Expedition).

*T. velox*, Little Quail (R.A.O.U., p. 4).

*Alphaturnia velox leucogaster* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 24).

**CHALCOPHAPS OCCIDENTALIS** North, *Vic. Natur.*, xxiv, 8, December, 1907, p. 135.

Paratype: O.16012, Port Keats, n.w. Australia.

*C. chrysochlora*, Green-winged Pigeon (R.A.O.U., p. 7).

*C. c. longirostris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 66).

**CINATHISMA CYANOLEUCA** Hull, *The Emu*, xv, 3, January, 1916, p. 205, pl. 32.

Paratypes: O.24063, O.24064, off Brush Island, south of Ulladulla, N.S.W., December, 1915.

*Puffinus gavia*, Fluttering Shearwater (R.A.O.U., p. 12).

*Reinholdia gavia byroni* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 112).

**AEGIALITIS MASTERSI** Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, i, 2, July, 1876, p. 135.

Type: O.18587, ♂, Cape York, Queensland.

Paratype: O.18596, ♀.

*Charadrius mongolus*, Mongolian Sand-Dotterel (R.A.O.U., p. 23).

*Cirrhipidesmus mongolus mongolus* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 158).

The above specimens represent the Mongolian Sand-Dotterel in breeding plumage; they are labelled, in Ramsay's handwriting, types of the male and female respectively. Ramsay described the male only; the female is listed above as a paratype. The differences in plumage between the two specimens are very slight.

**NINOX YORKI** Cayley, *The Emu*, xxviii, 3, January, 1929, p. 162, pl. 34 (top fig.).

Type: O.27647, Cape York Peninsula, n.e. Queensland.

**NINOX OOLDEAENSIS** Cayley, *The Emu*, xxviii, 3, January, 1929, p. 163, pl. 34 (lower fig.).

Type: O.26604, ♀, 407 miles, East-West Line, South Australia, Oct. 3, 1921.

**NINOX CONNIVENS OCCIDENTALIS** Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.* (2), i, 4, February 22, 1887, p. 1086.

Type (selected): O.329, Derby, n.w. Australia, 1885.

*N. connivens*, Winking Owl (R.A.O.U., p. 41).

*Hieracoglaux connivens occidentalis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 276).

**TYTO NOVAE-HOLLANDIAE TROUGHTONI** Cayley, *What Bird is That?*, November 27, 1931, p. 32, pl. 5 (fig. 4).

Type: O.26568, ♀, Ooldea, East-West Line, Oct. 16, 1921.

**CYCLOPSITTA MACLEAYANA** Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 4, April 1, 1876, p. 602.

Types: O.18582, ♂; O.18583, ♀, Cardwell, Queensland, July, 1874.

Paratype: O.18584, ♂.

*Opositta leadbeateri*, Blue-faced (Red-browed) Lorilet (R.A.O.U., p. 43).

*O. leadbeateri* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 304).

**SPATHOPTERUS** North, *The Ibis* (7), i, 3, July, 1895, p. 339.

Type of the genus, O.9163, ♂, Glen Edith, Central Australia (Horn Expedition).

Type (by monotypy) *Polytelis alexandrae* Gould.

*Polytelis alexandrae*, Princess Parrot (R.A.O.U., p. 46).

*Northipsitta alexandrae* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 330).

The above specimen figured in *Report Horn Expedition*, pt. 2, Zoology, 1896, pl. 5.

**PLATYCERCUS PENNANTI** var. **NIGRESCENS** Ramsay, *Tab. List. Austr. Birds*, 1888, p. 34.

Type: O.1953, Bellenden Ker Range, Queensland, Feb., 1888.

*P. elegans*, Crimson Rosella (R.A.O.U., p. 47).

*P. e. nigrescens* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 338).

PLATYCERCUS DIEMENENSIS North, *Austr. Mus. Spec. Cat.*, No. 1, iii, 2, July 27, 1911, p. 128.

Type: A.6533, ♂, Tasmania.

*P. eximius*, Eastern Rosella (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 47).

*P. e. diemenensis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 341).

PLATYCERCUS MASTERSIANUS Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, ii, 1, July, 1877, p. 27.

Type: O.23688, N.S.W. (interior).

A. J. North has written on a label attached to this specimen the following remarks:

"This specimen is undoubtedly a hybrid between *Platycercus palliceps* [= *P. adscitus*] and *P. elegans*, or an unusually plumaged specimen of the latter." A similarly plumaged bird is figured in the *Proc. Zool. Soc. (London)*, vol. 1, 1902, pl. xix, see p. 170.

PLATYCERCUS MACGILLIVRAYI North, *Vic. Natur.*, xvii, 5, Sept., 1900, p. 91.

Type: O.11837, Leilavale Station, Cloncurry River, Burke District, north Queensland.

*Barnardius macgillivrayi*, Cloncurry Parrot (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 48).

*B. macgillivrayi* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 342).

PLATYCERCUS OCCIDENTALIS North, *Rec. Austr. Mus.*, ii, 5, September, 1893, p. 83.

Type: O.3313, ♀, 36 miles s.w. of Roeburne, mid-west Australia, October 1889.

Paratype: O.3312, ♀.

*Barnardius zonarius*, Port Lincoln Parrot (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 48).

*B. z. occidentalis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 343).

PSEPHOTUS CUCULLATUS North, *Vic. Natur.*, xxv, 11, March, 1909, p. 176.

Types: O.16238, ♂; O.16239, ♀; Pine Creek, Northern Territory, February 2, 1909.

*P. dissimilis*, Hooded Parrot (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 49).

*Psephotellus dissimilis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 346).

PEZOPORUS FLAVVENTRIS North, *Austr. Mus. Spec. Cat.* No. 1, iii, 2, July 27, 1911, p. 175.

Type: O.23687, ♂ King George's Sound, Western Australia, April, 1866.

*P. wallicus*, Ground Parrot (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 51).

*P. w. flaviventris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 353).

ALCYONE RAMSAYI North, *The Ibis* (9), vi, 21, January, 1912, p. 119.

Type: A.4606, ♂, Port Essington, Northern Territory, February, 1879.

*A. pusilla*, Little Kingfisher (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 52).

*Micralcyone pusilla ramsayi* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 367).

CYPSELUS TERRAE-REGINAE Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 4, April 1, 1875, p. 601.

Types: O.18480, ♂, O.18481, ♀, Rockingham Bay, near Cardwell, Queensland.

*Collocalia francica*, Grey Swiftlet (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 55).

*C. f. terraereginae* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 400).

RHIPIDURA ALBICAUDA North, *The Ibis* (7), i, 3, July, 1895, p. 340.

Type: O.9153, ♂, Stokes Pass, central Australia (Horn Expedition).

*R. flabellifera*, Grey Fantail (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 60).

*R. f. albicauda* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 482).

The above specimen figured in *Report Horn Expedition*, pt. 2, Zoology, 1896, pl. 6 (bottom fig.).

RHIPIDURA INTERMEDIA North, *Vic. Natur.*, xix, 7, November, 1902, p. 101.

Type: O.2049, ♂, Boar Pocket, about 30 miles from Cairns, Bellenden Ker Range, north Queensland.

*R. rufifrons*, Rufous Fantail (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 60).

*R. r. intermedia* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 487).

RHIPIDURA SUPERCILIOSA Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 4, April 1, 1875, p. 604.

Type: O.18578, ♂, Endeavour River, Rockingham Bay, Queensland, 1874.

*R. setosa*, Northern Fantail (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 60).

*Setosura rufiventris superciliosa* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 492).

POECILODRYAS ? CINEREIFRONS Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 4, April 1, 1876, p. 588.

Type: O.18577, ♂, Dalrymple's Gap, near Cardwell, Queensland, 1874.

Type of the genus *Heteromyias* Sharpe, *Cat. Birds Brit. Mus.*, Vol. 4, 1879, pp. 114, 239. Type (by monotypy) *Poecilodryas cinereifrons* Ramsay.

*Heteromyias cinereifrons*, Grey-headed Robin (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 64).

*Iredaleornis cinereifrons* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 470).

Sharpe founded the genus *Heteromyias* on the above specimen which was sent to him by Ramsay. This specimen is also the basis of Gould's plate in the *Birds of New Guinea* (ii, 10, Sept. 1, 1879, pl. 15), wherein the bird is figured in two positions. The plate is somewhat overcoloured.

- EOPSALTRIA MAGNIROSTRIS Gould, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, (4), iv, August 1, 1869, p. 109; ex Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 2, September 15, 1868, p. 384.  
 Type: O.18576, ♂, Cardwell, Queensland, 1867.  
*E. chrysorrhoa*, Northern Yellow Robin (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 65).  
*E. australis magnirostris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 684).
- EOPSALTRIA NANA Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, ii, 4, June, 1878, p. 372.  
 Type: O.18588, ♀, Cardwell, Queensland, collected K. Broadbent, 1874.  
*E. capito*, Pale Yellow Robin (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 65).  
*Tregellasia capito nana* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 476).
- PACHYCEPHALA OCCIDENTALIS Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, ii, 2, January, 1878, p. 212.  
 Type: O.18570, ♀, Albany, Western Australia.  
*P. pectoralis*, Golden Whistler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 66).  
*P. p. occidentalis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 664).  
 Both sexes were described by Ramsay; I have been unable to trace the type of the male.
- PACHYCEPHALA MERIDIONALIS North, REC. AUSTR. MUS., v, 2, January 28, 1904, p. 126.  
 Type: O.987, ♂, hills near Adelaide, coll. June, 1887.  
*P. pectoralis*, Golden Whistler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 66).  
*P. p. fuliginosa* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 664).
- PACHYCEPHALA PALLIDA Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, ii, 3, May, 1878, p. 224.  
 Types: O.18572, ♂, O.18573, ♀, Gulf of Carpentaria, near Georgetown, collected 16.6.1876.  
*P. rufiventris*, Rufous Whistler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 66).  
*P. r. pallida* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 675).
- EOPSALTRIA ?INORNATA Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, April 1, 1875, p. 604.  
 Types: O.32614, ♂, O.18571, ♀, Cardwell, Queensland, collected K. Broadbent, 1874.  
*Pachycephala griseiceps*, Grey Whistler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 67).  
*Muscitrea griseiceps inornatus* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 679).
- COLLYRICINCLA CERVINVENTRIS North, REC. AUSTR. MUS., iii, 2, August 5, 1897, p. 49.  
 Type: O.23685, Dawson River, Queensland.  
*Colluricincla megarhyncha*, Rufous Shrike-Thrush (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 68).  
*Caleya megarhyncha cerviniventris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 648).
- COLLYRICINCLA BOWERI Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, x, 2, July, 1885, p. 244.  
 Types: O.18568, ♂; O.18569, ♀, Peterson's Pocket, Cairns, n.e. Queensland, December 12 and 14, 1884.  
*Colluricincla boweri*, Bower Shrike-Thrush (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 68).  
*Bowyeria boweri* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 649).  
 The male only was described in the original description of the species; the sexes are alike in plumage. A label, in Ramsay's handwriting, on specimen No. O.18569, states: "Type of *C. boweri* female." On this basis it is listed as such.
- PSOPHODES CREPITANS LATERALIS North, REC. AUSTR. MUS., iii, 1, January 7, 1897, p. 13.  
 Type: O.4645, ♂, Boar Pocket, about 30 miles from Cairns, Bellenden Ker Range, north Queensland, coll. May 4, 1891.  
*P. olivaceus*, Eastern Whippbird (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 70).  
*P. o. lateralis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 563).
- EPTHIANURA CROcea Castelnau and Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, i, 4, March, 1877, p. 380.  
 Paratype: O.18589, ♀, Norman River, north Queensland.  
*E. crocea*, Yellow Chat (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 74).  
*E. c. crocea* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 587).
- GERYGONE FLAVIDA Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, ii, 1, July, 1877, p. 53.  
 Types (selected): O.18590, ♂, O.18591, ♀, Herbert River, North Queensland, March, 1874.  
 Paratypes: O.18592, ♂, A.972, ♂, A.786, ♀.  
*G. flava*, Fairy Warbler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 75).  
*Pseudogerygone flava* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 466).  
 For a full discussion on this species see "The Fairy Warbler: A Re-discovery", A. H. Chisholm, *The Emu*, xxiv, 3, January, 1925, pp. 161-5, pls. 24 (col.), 25.
- GERYGONE PALLIDA North, *Austr. Mus. Spec. Cat No. 1*, i, 3, April 27, 1903, p. 196.  
 Type: O.3578, ♂, Boar Pocket, Bellenden Ker Range, North Queensland.  
*G. mouki*, Northern Warbler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 75).  
*Ethelornis mouki* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 464).

**GERYGONE SIMPLEX** Masters, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, i, 1, February, 1876, p. 52.

Paratype: O.18597, Norman River, Gulf of Carpentaria, Queensland.

*G. levigaster*, Buff-breasted Warbler (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 76).

*Ethelornis m. mastersi* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 464).

**XEROPHILA NIGRICINCTA** North, *The Ibis*, (7), i, 3, July, 1895, p. 340.

Types: O.9157, ♂; O.9155, ♀, Missionary Plain, central Australia (Horn Expedition).

Paratype: O.9156, ♂.

*Aphelocephala nigricincta*, Banded Whiteface (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 77).

*A. n. nigricincta* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 688).

Figured in *Report Horn Expedition*, pt. 2, Zoology, 1896, pl. 7 (top fig.).

**ACANTHIZA MASTERSI** North, *Agric. Gazette N.S.W.*, xii, 2, November, 1901, p. 1425.

Types: O.23684, ♂; O.13548, ♀; King George's Sound, Western Australia, coll. October and November, 1868.

*A. inornata*, Western Thornbill (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 78).

*A. i. mastersi* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 605).

**ACANTHIZA WHITLOCKI** North, *Vic. Natur.*, Vol. xxvi, 5, September 9, 1909, p. 55.

Type: O.16358, ♂, Lake Way, Western Australia, July 1, 1909.

*A. whitlocki*, Whitlock Thornbill (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 78).

*A. pusilla whitlocki* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 603).

**ACANTHIZA ALBIVENTRIS** North, *Austr. Mus. Spec. Cat. No. 1*, i, 4, July 11, 1904, p. 276.

Type: O.22917, ♂, Dubbo, N.S.W., collected Hearne, July, 1876.

*A. albiventris*, Inland Thornbill (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 79).

*A. pusilla albiventris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 602).

**SERICORNIS BRUNNEOPYGIUS** Masters, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, i, 1, February, 1876, p. 53.

Paratype: O.18601, Cape York, 1874.

*S. minimus*, Little Scrub-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 80).

*S. minimus* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 615).

**OREOSCOPUS** North, *Agric. Gazette, N.S.W.*, xvi, 3, March 2, 1905, p. 247.

Type of the genus; O.23686, Black Mountain, Bellenden Ker Range, north Queensland. Type (by monotypy), *Sericornis gutturalis* De Vis.

*O. gutturalis*, Fern-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 81).

*O. gutturalis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 618).

**CALAMANTHUS ALBILORIS** North, *Vic. Natur.*, xix, 7, November, 1902, p. 102.

Type: O.23683, ♀, Victoria, 1865.

*C. fuliginosus*, Striated Field-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 82).

*C. f. albiloris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 566).

**CALAMANTHUS DIEMENENSIS** North, *Austr. Mus. Spec. Cat. No. 1*, i, 4, July 11, 1904, p. 354.

Types (selected): O.12847 (♂?), Waratah, n.w. Tasmania, July, 1902; O.13251 (♀?), September, 1903.

Paratypes: O.12916, O.13249, O.13250.

*C. fuliginosus*, Striated Field-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 82).

*C. f. anthoides* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 566).

No details are available regarding the sexes of the above specimens. The types have been selected to agree with the descriptions published by North.

**CALAMANTHUS ISABELLINUS** North, *Rep. Horn Sci. Exped. Austr.*, pt. 2, Zoology, 1896, p. 85.

Types: O.9151, ♂, O.9152, ♀, Missionary Plain, central Australia (Horn Expedition).

*C. isabellinus*, Rusty Field-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 82).

*C. campestris isabellinus* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 567).

**EREMIORNIS CARTERI** North, *Vic. Natur.*, xvii, 4, August, 1900, p. 79.

Type of the genus and species: O.11836, ♀, North-west Cape, near Exmouth Gulf, mid-west Australia, collected Tom Carter, 1.7.1899.

*E. carteri*, Spinifex-bird (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 83).

*E. c. carteri* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 600).

**AMYTIS MODESTA** North, *Vic. Natur.*, xix, 7, November, 1902, p. 103.

Type: O.23682, ♂, Meerenie Bluff, Macdonnell Ranges, central Australia.

*Amytornis modestus*, Thick-billed Grass-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 84).

*A. m. modestus* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 631).

*AMYTIS GOYDERI* Gould, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, (4), xvi, October 1, 1875, p. 286.

Paratype: O.18596, ♂, Lake Eyre (Macumba River), Central Australia. December, 1874.

*Amytornis goyderi*, Eyrean Grass-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 84).

*Eryramytis goyderi* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 633).

See *The Emu*, xliv, 4, April, 1945, p. 323, for detailed remarks on the above specimen.

*MALURUS AUSTRALIS* North, *The Ibis*, (8), iv, 16, October, 1904, p. 672.

Type: O.9492, ♂, Meadowbank, near Sydney, August 2, 1897.

*M. cyaneus*, Superb Blue-Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 86).

*M. c. australis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 620).

*MALURUS ASSIMILIS* North, *Vic. Natur.*, xviii, 2, June, 1901, p. 29.

Type: A.11885, ♂, Mossigel, western N.S.W., 1881.

*M. assimilis*, Purple-backed Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 87).

*Leggeornis lamberti assimilis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 623).

*MALURUS CRUENTATUS BOWERI* Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, (2), i, 4, February 22, 1887, p. 1100.

Type: O.18598, ♂ juv., Derby, inland, 1866.

*M. melanocephalus*, Red-backed Wren (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 88).

*Ryania melanocephala boweri* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 627).

*SITELLA ALBATA* Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 2, August 1, 1877, p. 351.

Type: O.18594, ♂, near Bowen, Port Denison, Queensland, collected J. Rainbird, 1864.

*Neositta albata*, Pied Sittella (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 89).

*N. albata* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 689).

*NEOSITTA MORTONI* North, *The Ibis*, (9), vi, 21, January, 1912, p. 118.

Types: A.4642, ♂; A.4644, ♀, Port Essington, N.T., 17.2.1879.

Paratype: A.4643, ♂.

*N. leucoptera*, White-winged Sittella (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 90).

*N. l. leucoptera* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 690).

*SITELLA STRIATA* Gould, *Birds Austr.*, Suppl., pt. 5, August 1, 1869, pl. 54; and *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, (4), iv, August 1, 1869, p. 110.

Paratype: O.18599, ♂, Cape York, Queensland.

*Neositta striata*, Striated Sittella (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 90).

*N. s. striata* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 691).

The above specimen is labelled "Original specimen, collected Cockerell and Thorpe, received March, 1861", and is, presumably, a paratype of the species.

*CLIMACTERIS LEUCOPHAEA MINOR* Ramsay, *Tab. List Austr. Birds*, 2nd ed., add., p. 2, after June 1, 1891.

Type (selected): O.37536, Scrubby Creek, Cairns, Queensland, collected T. H. Bowyer-Bower, January 8, 1885.

*C. minor*, Little Tree-creeper (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 91).

*Cormobates minor* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 695).

*CLIMACTERIS SUPERCILIOSA* North, *The Ibis*, (7), i, 3, July, 1895, p. 341.

Type: O.9160, ♂, Illara Creek, central Australia (Horn Expedition).

*C. affinis*, White-browed Tree-creeper (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 91).

*Cormobates a. affinis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 695).

The above specimen figured in *Report Horn Expedition*, pt. 2, Zoology, 1896, pl. 7 (bottom figure).

*PARDALOTUS ASSIMILIS* Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, ii, 2, January, 1878, p. 180.

Type (selected): O.18593, Macquarie Fields, 30 miles s.w. of Sydney, N.S.W.

*P. ornatus*, Red-tipped Pardalote (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 92).

*P. striatus ornatus* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 723).

On the label attached to this specimen is written, in Ramsay's handwriting, "*Pardalotus assimilis*, sp. nov., Macquarie Fields", with a reference to the source of the original description. The specimen agrees with the meagre type description.

*MELITHREPTUS LAETIOR* Gould, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, (4), xvi, October 1, 1875, p. 287.

Paratype: O.18567, ♂, Lake Eyre, central Australia.

*M. laetior*, Golden-backed Honeyeater (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 94).

*M. l. laetior* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 737).

See *The Emu*, xliv, 4, April, 1945, p. 321, for notes on the above specimen.

MELITHREPTUS MAGNIROSTRIS North, *Rec. Austr. Mus.*, vi, 1, June 16, 1905, p. 20, pl. 5.

Paratype: O.14271, Eastern Creek, Kangaroo Island, S.A., Oct. 3, 1921.

*M. brevirostris*, Brown-headed Honeyeater (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 94).

*M. atricapillus magnirostris* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 738).

PTILOTIS FRENATA Ramsay, *Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.)*, pt. 4, April 1, 1875, p. 603.

Types (selected): O.18561, ♂, O.18560, ♀, Cardwell, Queensland, collected May, 1874.

Paratype: O.18562, ♀.

*Meliphaga frenata*, Bridled Honeyeater (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 99).

*M. f. frenata* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 775).

PTILOTIS MACLEAYANA Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, i, 1, April 27, 1875, p. 10.

Types (selected): O.18565, ♂, O.18564, ♀, "Police Camp", Herbert River, near Cardwell, n.e. Queensland, collected April, 1874.

Paratype: O.18563.

*Meliphaga macleayana*, Macleay Honeyeater (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 99).

*Caloptilota macleayana* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 776).

PTILOTIS KEARTLANDI North, *The Ibis*, (7), i, 3, July, 1895, p. 340.

Type: O.9158, ♂, McMinn's Range, central Australia (Horn Expedition).

*Meliphaga keartlandi*, Grey-headed Honeyeater (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 100).

*Ptilotula k. keartlandi* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 780).

The above specimen figured in *Report Horn Expedition*, pt. 2, Zoology, 1896, pl. 6 (top figure).

PTILOTIS LEILAVALENSIS North, *Rec. Austr. Mus.*, iii, 5, April 17, 1899, p. 106.

Type: O.11167, Leila Vale Station, Fullerton River, Burke District, north Queensland.

*Meliphaga penicillata*, White-plumed Honeyeater (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 101).

*Ptilotula penicillata leilavalensis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 782).

PHILEMON OCCIDENTALIS Ramsay, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, (2), ii, 4, March 21, 1888, p. 676.

Type: O.18559, ♂, Derby, n.w. Australia, collected T. H. Bowyer-Bower, 1885.

*P. citreogularis*, Little Friar-bird (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 105).

*Microphilemon citreogularis occidentalis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 805).

MOTACILLA BARNARDI North, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, xxx, 4, April 12, 1906, p. 579.

Type: O.14997, Dawson River, Queensland, June 10, 1905.

*M. flava*, Yellow Wagtail (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 105).

*Budytus flava simillima* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 817).

POËPHILA AURANTHOSTRIS North, *Abst. Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, May 28, 1902, p. 4;

*Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, xxvii, 2, October, 1902, p. 208.

Type: O.12791, ♂, Wyndham, n.w. Australia.

*P. acuticauda*, Long-tailed Finch (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 108).

*P. a. hecki* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 835).

POËPHILA ATROPYGIALIS Diggles, *Trans. Philos. Soc. Queensland*, after August 4, 1876, p. 11.

Paratype: O.23068, ♂, Normanton, Queensland.

*P. atropygialis*, Black-tailed Finch (*R.A.O.U.*, p. 108).

*Alisteranus a. atropygialis* (*Syst. Av. Austr.*, p. 837).

In August, 1876, Diggles read a paper before the Queensland Philosophical Society on "Some New and Rare Specimens of Australian Birds". Among the names proposed was *Poephila atropygialis* for a new species of Finch from Normanton, Queensland. Diggles' remarks were published in the *Queenslander* newspaper, 1876 (I have been unable to ascertain the date of issue) and also in the *Transactions of the Queensland Philosophical Society*, presumably later than the newspaper account.

Castelnau and Ramsay in *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales*, vol. ii, pt. 4, March, 1877, p. 382, used the name proposed by Diggles, adding "sp. nov.", as they did not consider the newspaper description acceptable scientifically; a footnote to that effect was added. No mention is made by Castelnau and Ramsay of the description appearing in the *Transactions of the Queensland Philosophical Society*, which may not have appeared before March, 1877, although the reference is generally quoted as "1876, after August 3, p. 11". This is the date on which the paper was read before the Society according to an offprint of Diggles' paper (pp. 9-12, titled "Some New and Rare Species of Birds") in the possession of Tom Iredale. In the Annual Report of the Society for 1876 (1877), p. 3, the date is given as August 4, 1876.

The specimen on which Diggles based his description was received by the secretary of the Society from Gulliver. Diggles remarked that Gulliver also sent to the [Queensland] Museum a considerable number of birds of various species. The specimen in the Australian

Museum is marked "type" by Ramsay and also, at a later date, by North. It is a Gulliver specimen from Normanton and was presented by Comte de Castelnau in February, 1877. In view of the above circumstances it is obviously a paratype of the species.

POËPHILA NEGLECTA North, REC. AUSTR. MUS., Vol. v, 4, June 16, 1904, p. 263.

Type: A.99, Queensland ?.

*P. atropygialis*, Black-tailed Finch (R.A.O.U., p. 108).

*Alisteranus atropygialis neglectus* (Syst. Av. Austr., p. 837).

POËPHILA ARMITIANA Ramsay, Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., ii, 1, July, 1877, p. 72.

Type: O.18595, ♀, Four Mile Creek, near Georgetown, north Queensland.

*P. gouldiae*, Gouldian Finch (R.A.O.U., p. 109).

*Gouldaeornis gouldiae armitiana* (Syst. Av. Austr., p. 836).

AELUROEDUS MACULOSUS Ramsay, Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.), pt. 4, April 1, 1875, p. 601.

Types (selected): O.18554, ♂, O.18553, ♀, Rockingham Bay, Queensland.

Paratype: O.18552.

*Ailuroedus melanotus*, Spotted Catbird (R.A.O.U., p. 110).

*A. m. maculosus* (Syst. Av. Austr., p. 892).

SCENOPOEUS DENTIROSTRIS Ramsay, Proc. Zool. Soc. (Lond.), pt. 4, April 1, 1876, p. 591.

Type of the genus and species: O.18551, Bellenden Ker Range, North Queensland, June, 1874.

*Scenopoeetes dentirostris*, Tooth-billed Bower-bird (R.A.O.U., p. 110).

*S. dentirostris* (Syst. Av. Austr., p. 889).

CHLAMYDERA ORIENTALIS Gould, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., (5), iv, July 1, 1879, p. 74.

Paratypes: O.18556, O.18557, ♂ O.18558, Port Denison, Queensland, collected J. Rainbird, November, 1865.

*C. nuchalis*, Great Bower-bird (R.A.O.U., p. 111).

*Rogersornis n. nuchalis* (Syst. Av. Austr., p. 891).

CORVUS BENNETTI North, Vic. Natur., xvii, 9, January, 1901, p. 170.

Types (selected): A.18561, ♂, A.18559, ♀, Moolah, western N.S.W., August, 1883, collected K. H. Bennett.

*C. bennetti*, Little Crow (R.A.O.U., p. 112).

*C. bennetti* (Syst. Av. Austr., p. 895).