

missing and the corpse was practically devoid of flesh. The bird had obviously been dead for some time, though it could not have come ashore before early October, when this beach was last searched. It carried a New Zealand ring (No. 28489).

Later I learnt from Mr. P. A. S. Stein of Auckland, who ringed the bird on Horuhoru Island, Hauraki Gulf, that it was hatched on November 10-11, 1955. The only other New Zealand gannet recovered in Western Australia was also ringed in Hauraki Gulf (see *W.A. Nat.*, 5: 119).

—G. M. STORR, Nedlands.

Crested Grebe on the Swan River Estuary.—The Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*) is not a common bird in the South-West and is more frequently met with on the southern estuaries than in the neighbourhood of Perth. Here it is more consistently reported from Lake Jandakot than anywhere else, though birds may occasionally be seen at Lake Cooloongup, also on the coastal plain, and at the Victoria Reservoir, in the Darling Ranges. On July 29, 1956, I saw a Crested Grebe, in fully-developed head plumage, on the Swan River Estuary at Pelican Point. It was swimming and diving close to the foreshore on the Nedlands side of the point. The water at the surface and shallows was perfectly fresh at the time. As far as can be ascertained the species had not previously been observed on this estuary.

—D. L. SERVENTY, Nedlands

Western Shrike-Thrush at Nedlands.—On June 7, 1956, accompanied by Mr. G. M. Storr, I observed a Western Shrike-Thrush (*Colluricincla rufiventris*) in the grounds of the University Zoology Department, Nedlands. The bird was moving about restlessly in the outer foliage of a tuart (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) occasionally giving voice to its melodious song. Serventy and Whittell (*Birds of Western Australia*, 1951: 272) state that this species "has long since forsaken the immediate neighbourhood of Perth," and is restricted to "the relatively little-altered bush." In this respect it differs markedly from its eastern representative the Grey Shrike-Thrush (*C. harmonica*). They also note that it sings only in the breeding season, its winter call being a loud "yor-ick," or "war-ick."

Mr. Storr has reported seeing a shrike-thrush again in the same place on August 3, 1956, and also that he has seen the species in eucalypts beside Perry's Lake, Floreat Park, on several occasions.

—D. L. McINTOSH, Nedlands.

Another Arctic Tern in Western Australia.—At Cape Leeuwin on November 12, 1956, one of us (N.E.M.) found a dead Arctic Tern (*Sterna macrura*) among rocks just above high-water mark. From its condition we estimate that it had been dead for about a month. It was possibly blown ashore on about October 8, when stormy weather was prevailing off Cape Leeuwin.



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