

# The Emu

Official Organ of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union.

"Birds of a feather."

VOL. XVII.]

1ST APRIL, 1918.

[PART 4.

## Grey-throated Thickhead (*Pachycephala peninsulæ*, Hartert).

BY A. J. CAMPBELL, C.M.B.O.U.

To accompany the plate in this issue, I cannot do better than reiterate, in part, what was stated regarding this species by Mr. H. G. Barnard and myself in connection with "The Birds of Rockingham Bay" (*ante*, p. 22).

We found this Thickhead fairly plentiful in the coastal scrubs, and obtained examples of both sexes for museum purposes, together with the nest and eggs. In quest of food this bird resembles all the *Pachycephalæ*, and was often observed feeding in company of other smaller birds. One nest inspected contained fledgelings, rufous-coloured, like those of *P. gutturalis*. The bird ranges up to Cape York, a similar bird appearing in New Guinea. (See Dr. Macgillivray's remarks, *Emu*, vol. xiii., p. 167.)

This species is listed under two names on the Union's "Check-list" (p. 65)—No. 421, *Eopsaltria inornata*, Ramsay; No. 427, *Pachycephala peninsulæ*, Hartert. But, in view of our field evidence, we venture to recommend the adoption of the latter name, or, if a difference of genera be established, then Mathews's *Mattingleya (griseiceps) inornata*, with the vernacular Grey-throated Whistler or Thickhead.

Dimensions in mm.—Length, 145–150; wing, 76–78; tail, 64–70; tarsus, 17–19; culmen, 10.





GREY-THROATED WHISTLER.  
*Pachycephala peninsulæ.*



Campbell, Archibald James. 1918. "Grey-throated Thickhead (*Pachycephala peninsulae*, Hartert)." *The Emu : official organ of the Australasian Ornithologists' Union* 17(4), 165–165. <https://doi.org/10.1071/mu917165>.

**View This Item Online:** <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/55264>

**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.1071/mu917165>

**Permalink:** <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/380393>

#### **Holding Institution**

Smithsonian Libraries and Archives

#### **Sponsored by**

Smithsonian

#### **Copyright & Reuse**

Copyright Status: Public domain. The BHL considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection.

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.