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Bower or Striped-breasted Shrike-Thrush (*Colluricincla boweri*, Ramsay).

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Two species of Shrike-Thrushes on the Official "Check-list" do not yet appear to have been figured—the Bower and the smaller Rufous-breasted (*C. rufigaster*, Gould). Both are dark-coloured and brownish, but the larger has the breast more striped. The larger also has the more restricted range in North Queensland, being confined chiefly to the scrub-clad coastal mountains from the Herberton River district up to the Cairns district, where the original specimens were procured by the late Mr. Bowyer-Bower, December, 1884.*

Interesting field and nesting notes on this fine and distinctive Shrike-Thrush are given in the Appendix, "Special Catalogue, No. 1," Australian Museum (North's "Nests and Eggs," iv., p. 416), and more recently a field note by Messrs. Campbell and Barnard appears in *The Emu*, xvii., p. 29.

The sexes of the Bower Shrike-Thrush are alike in coloration. Total length, about 8 inches, with a wing 4 inches.

The specimen figured is an exhibit in the National Museum, Melbourne.

The Small-billed Tit-Warbler (*Acanthiza morgani*).

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THROUGH the generosity of subscribers to the "Coloured Figure Fund," headed by Mr. H. L. White, the Council continues to furnish plates of hitherto unfigured birds.

The plate in the last part (*ante*, p. 81, pl. xix.) portrays the Short-billed Tit-Warbler (*Acanthiza morgani*) (*tenuirostris*) (No. 506, "Official Check-list.") Capt. S. A. White, in naming the plate and writing the note connected therewith, considers the species to be the *Geobasileus hedleyi rosinae* of Mathews.

Acanthiza morgani on recent lists has confusingly appeared under different names (both generic and specific)—from Western Australia as *A. iredalei* (Mathews, "List of the Birds of Australia," 1913, p. 217); from South Australia as *Geobasileus hedleyi* (but without ornithological description—practically a "nude name"), with its supposed sub-species *rosinae*—also without tech-

* Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., vol. x., p. 244 (1885).



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(*Colluricincla boweri*).



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