

Aboriginal Names of Birds.

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I WOULD like to suggest to members of the R.A.O.U. and others that aboriginal names of birds be obtained whenever possible from the different "towris" (aboriginal territories). Many of these names, properly pronounced, are euphonious; they have the virtue of originality, and are much better for general use than many of the popular names now on the bird list. The surest way to popularize a bird, to make it loved and known to everybody, is to give it a name that appeals to the child and the poet.

I append a few aboriginal names to start with:—

Maned Goose (Wood-Duck)	..	..	Gnaroo.
Pigmy Goose ..	..	..	Widgelow.
Green Pigmy Goose ..	..	..	Loonbi.
Cape Barren Goose ..	..	..	Lowrie.
Pied (Magpie) Goose ..	..	..	Muldrie.
"Black" Duck ..	..	..	Mara; Koon.
Whistling-Duck ..	..	..	Chipala.
Plumed Whistler ..	..	..	Nowee.
Blue-billed Duck ..	..	..	Boodoo.
Pink-eared Duck ..	..	..	Wymbin.
Mountain-Duck (Chestnut-breasted Shield-drake) ..	..	..	Perna.
Rajah Shieldrake ..	..	..	Mahdo or Mardo.
White-eyed Duck ..	..	..	Bubbuloo.
Little Cormorant ..	..	..	Go Go.
Pied Cormorant ..	..	..	Mahdee.
Cormorant (Black Shag) ..	..	..	Muloora.
Pectoral Rail ..	..	..	Kullee.
Black Moor-Hen ..	..	..	Kilkie.
Blue Bald-Coot ..	..	..	Goolima.
Australian Crane (Native Companion) ..	..	..	Brolga.
Nankeen Night-Heron ..	..	..	Gnalgan.
Australian Bittern ..	..	..	Boon Boon.
Mangrove-Bittern ..	..	..	Woggal.
Plain Turkey (Bustard) ..	..	..	Kio; Gumblegubbin
Brown Kingfisher (<i>Dacelo gigas</i>) ..	..	..	Kitticarrara.
Brush-Turkey ..	..	..	Gweela.
Barnard's Brush-Turkey ..	..	..	Wundoora.
Jungle-Fowl ..	..	..	Koogerri.
Mallee-Fowl ..	..	..	Lowan.
Collared Sparrow-Hawk ..	..	..	Bil Bil.
Allied Kite ..	..	..	Jilli Jilli.
Nankeen Kestrel ..	..	..	Min Min.
Winking Owl ..	..	..	Gooragang.
Owlet Nightjar ..	..	..	Teringing.
Pied Bell-Magpie ..	..	..	Kurrawong.
Grey Bell-Magpie ..	..	..	Koolardi.
Grass-Parrot ..	..	..	Linden.

Ground (Swamp) Parrot	..	..	Goolinang.
Night (Spinifex) Parrot	..	..	Myrlumbing.
Blue Mountain Lorikeet	..	..	Warren.
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	..	..	Kowa.
Little Lorikeet..	..	..	Jerriang.
Varied Lorikeet	..	..	Wero.
Little Green Pigeon	..	..	Punkaree.
Bronzewing Pigeon	..	..	Warri Warri.
Crested Bronzewing	..	..	Warracoutah.
Squatter or Partridge Bronzewing	..	..	Manga.
Sun-Bird	..	..	Tirridirri.
Chestnut-crowned Babbler	..	..	Pirrigilgilli.
Grey-crowned Babbler	..	..	Wirring.
Spotted Diamond-Bird	..	..	Weetuwee
Spine-tailed Log-runner	Chow-chilla
White-plumed Honey-eater	Chickowee

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Such names as Galah, Corella, Budgerigar, Quarrian, Weejugla, Kookaburra, &c., are in common use. Why not place them first, as with Gang-Gang and Wonga Wonga, instead of Rose-breasted Cockatoo, Long-billed Cockatoo, Warbling Grass-Parrot, and so forth?

The Little Eagle.

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IN June last I was attracted by the strange flight and whistle of a new bird in the district (*Eutolmætus morphnoides*). Flying at a great height, it kept closing its wings and dropping as low as the tree-tops, then rising again to where it had started from almost perpendicularly; this it repeated for several minutes at a time, all the while calling to its mate, who was on the wing higher up. Its call is three little whistles, the first and last higher pitched than the middle one, and it is so penetrating that you can hear the whistle while the bird is still too high to see. Hearing the whistle every day, I could generally see the bird after a time, very high in the air, going through these manœuvres of his, rising and falling hundreds of feet at a time, as if to work off his superfluous energy, and one day I saw him alight on a very tall dead tree overlooking a rabbit warren. This was the first time I had seen him resting, and then it was only to watch for young rabbits to come out, on which he was living. Saw him on two occasions pick up small kittens and carry them off. After watching this pair off and on for nearly two months I discovered where they were nesting in a tree over another rabbit warren, and secured a photograph of the nest and egg (*in situ*), and the female bird was taken for identification. Wing measurements were 22 inches—much larger than before described. The male bird was never seen helping in nest-building, but was always near, flying high above the tree. They seldom flap the wings when once up in the air, and rival the Wedge-tailed



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