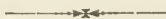


2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

Abstract of Proceedings, September 27th, 1905. — Mr. North sent for exhibition a skin and set of two eggs of *Melithreptus albigularis* Gould. They were obtained at Copmanhurst on the Clarence River, New South Wales, by Mr. George Lavidge, who also forwarded a nest he had procured on the 22nd instant. Altogether three birds in the flesh had been received. Previously this species had not been recorded from further south than Wide Bay, Queensland. In the Catalogue of Birds in the British Museum (Vol. IX), Dr. H. Gadow regards *M. albigularis* as only subspecifically distinct from *M. lunulatus* Shaw. There is, however, no intergradation between these two birds, and in addition to the olive-yellow upper parts, and white chin of *M. albigularis*, it is furthermore distinguished by having the bare skin above and behind the eye dull greenish-blue, which in *M. lunulatus* is rich orange-scarlet. Mr. North also recorded seeing an Albatross (*Thalassogeron cautus*) on the 22nd ult. at the entrance of Lavender Bay. It was resting on the water not far from Milson's Point, but on the approach of a ferry steamer it flew towards Darling Harbour, then circled round, passing Milson's Point, and settling down again on the water in Farm Cove. During August one of these birds was received by the Trustees of the Australian Museum which was captured alive by Mr. R. S. Thomas, of South Clifton. Of curious nesting sites of the Rock Warbler, *Origma rubricata* Latham, Mr. A. F. Hull informed Mr. North that a pair had built their nest round a piece of string hanging down inside from the roof of a tent at Freshwater, Manly. This tent, the entrance to which was partially concealed by a rock shelter, was occupied from Saturday to Monday, and every other night by several youths, but the birds, unconcerned at their presence, had finished the nest, and the female had since the 17th inst. been sitting on a full complement of eggs. Last year Mr. Herbert E. Ross informed him a pair had built their nest in a small cave that had been fitted up as a dark-room for photographers, in the rocky and spacious grounds of a well known resort at Medlow on the Blue Mountains. At Lane Cove Mr. Arthur Muddle found a nest last year attached to the timbers beneath the verandah of a waterside cottage, and in the same locality several seasons ago Mr. Edgar R. Waite saw a nest, containing young, attached to the roof inside a bathing-box at Longueville.

III. Personal-Notizen.

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