

The Bass Strait birds appear at the end of March each year in Victorian coastal regions. They appear in numbers in Southern N.S.W. in June. Are these the same birds? Is there a leap-frogging pattern? Or do the Southern birds stop in Victoria and cause the Victorian birds to travel up North?

On French Island **this** year in May, there appeared to be a large population of **Flame** Robins. One month later, a search over a wide area produced only a dozen birds. In July a few more birds were present and, in several instances, these were in pairs. Do Flame Robins form pairs months before the breeding season? Unfortunately gale force winds precluded any chance of banding for a possible follow-up by retraps.

All these questions we hope to answer in time after a concerted banding effort, summer and winter, in as many areas as possible. In the meantime, if any bander has any information he/she is willing to share, this will be most gratefully accepted and acknowledged. A note to either of the authors of this paper would be appreciated.

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RECAPTURE OF FAIRY MARTIN.

On 6.11.60 I banded a number of Fairy Martins (Hylochelidon ariel) on Mr. Dowling's farm at Bandon Grove.

In a recent letter, Mr. Dowling informs me that on the morning of 4.10.64 he caught a Fairy Martin at its nest on the river bank which had a ring on its leg. On examination it proved to be a bird I had banded 4 years previously as a fledgling in the nest.

The band number is 010-21617, and the bird was captured in the same area in which it had been banded.

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