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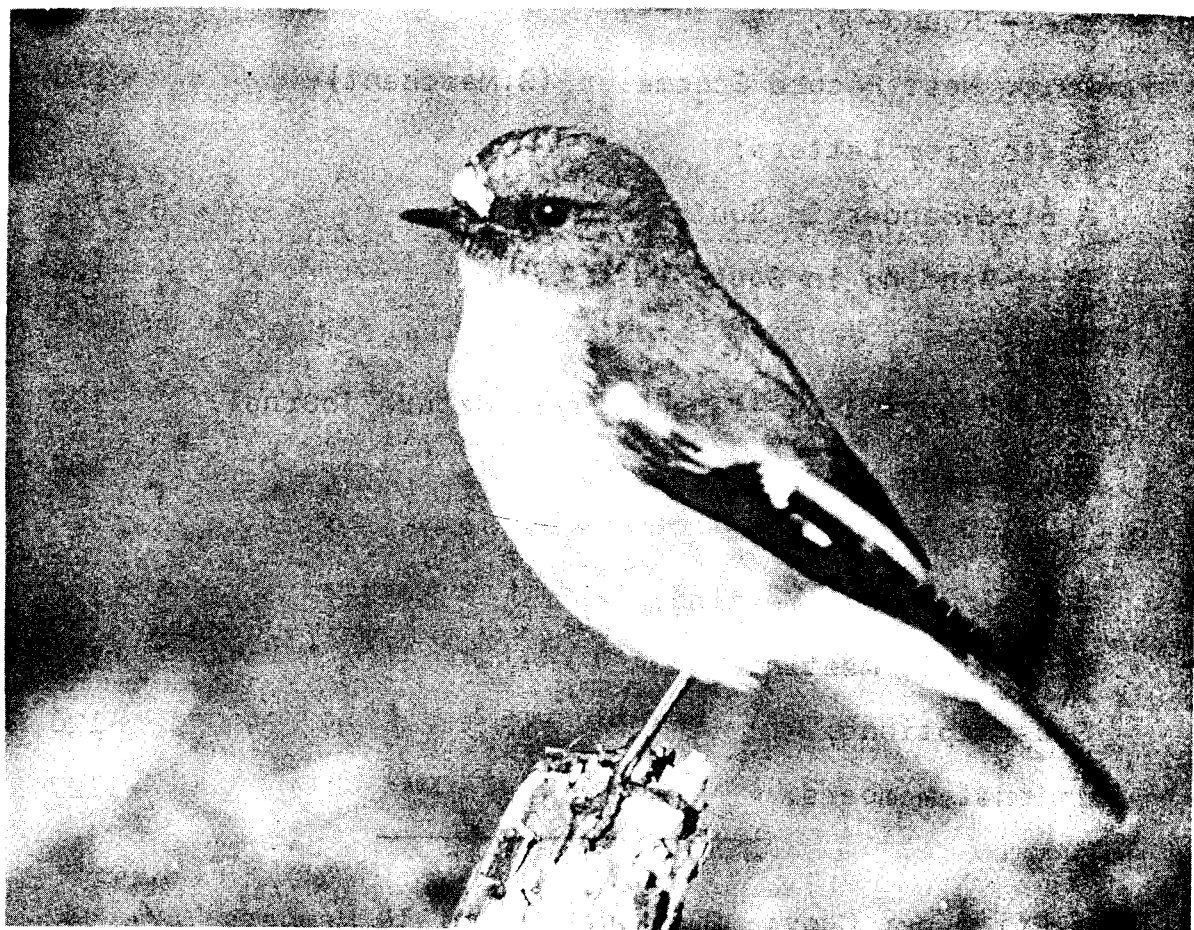
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**MALE FLAME ROBIN (*Petroica phoenicea*).**

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dear Members,

We arrive at the end of our second volume with a feeling of considerable confidence in the future of your magazine. As a result of a steadily increasing membership (at the latest count the tally stood at 323 members of all categories, in addition to which we have a small overseas circulation), we are now in a position to make definite plans for publishing our journal in print, as opposed to the present offset process, and arrangements are well ahead for the commercial printing of the first issue of our next volume. This has been our aim from an early stage in the existence of the journal, and is desirable from several points of view. The increases in size and circulation of the journal have made its publication by voluntary labour much more onerous than was originally anticipated, and it is obviously out of the question to continue to lean on such support indefinitely. However, we must point out that we look to a continuing increase in membership to enable us to meet the increased cost of commercial production.

The further reasons why we welcome the change are that, though the offset production has served its purpose, a printed magazine will be better, and will be more in keeping with the standard "The Australian Bird Bander" should try to attain. We know from enquiries that we have received that our journal is finding its place as one of the small group of journals primarily devoted to bird banding. We therefore have an international reputation to build and maintain, and we should recognise that, in our small way, we represent Australia in this particular specialty. It follows that, to our primary functions of keeping members informed of what is going on, banding-wise, and of acting as a medium for the interchange of information between members, should be added that of providing a medium for the publication of original ornithological articles dealing with various aspects of bird banding.

Meanwhile, we are sorry that our December issue appears too late to wish our readers a Happy Christmas, so we must be content to wish them successful banding in the New Year.

Finally, we should like to commend to the attention of our readers S. Marchant's note on the Nest Record Scheme (page 118), which deserves their support, and to ask you to bear in mind the date of your Association's Annual General Meeting, and the Scientific Meeting which follows (see Notice on page 126).