

### Eastern Spinebill *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*

- (a) 011-85587. Adult banded by D. I. Smedley at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 10 Apr. 82. Recaptured at banding place four times, the last occasion by G. D. Bell on 26 Nov. 88, over 6 years 7 months after banding.
- (b) 015-90805. Adult banded by G. D. Bell at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve near Mudgee, NSW on 6 Sept. 83. Recaptured at banding place six times, the last occasion on 26 Nov. 88, over 5 years 2 months after banding.
- (c) 015-90825. Adult banded by J. McCrea at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, near Mudgee, NSW on 18 Apr. 81. Recaptured at banding place nine times, the last occasion by G. D. Bell on 26 Nov. 88, over 7 years 7 months after banding.

## OBITUARY

Mr E. L. (Lindsay) Hyem died at Gloucester Hospital, New South Wales on 1 February 1989, aged 81. Born in Melbourne on 3 December 1907, he was educated at Melbourne Grammar School. His father acquired property at Merriwa and "Mernot" (north-west of Gloucester) New South Wales. Lindsay lived on and worked the "Mernot" property from 1924 up to his death, specializing in Hereford cattle. "Mernot" is now regarded as one of the prime cattle raising properties, and Lindsay competed at the Sydney Royal Show carcass competition with great success from 1969 to 1988, gaining ribbons each and every year. "Mernot" is in steep country with well-watered valleys, high mountains, valleys covered in grass with the hills and mountains varying from open woodland to dense eucalypt forest and rainforest. Lindsay spent considerable time on horseback roaming the area, always observing birds and their habits, particularly their nests and eggs. He had many of his notes published in the *Emu* in the early 1930's concerning the nests and eggs of the local species.

Other articles followed through the years, perhaps the best known being the extensive account of the birds of the Manning River District in *Emu* 36: 109-127, 262-272, (1936-37). He had a long-standing interest in owls and spent many lonely nights in the bush and scrub observing the behaviour of and listening to the calls of the five owl species in the area. Observations collected over many years were published in his paper "Observations on Owls in the Upper Manning River District", New South Wales (*Corella* 3:17-25).

An active man for most of his life, still mustering cattle on horse and climbing trees well into his 70's. His love of birds and his interest in them did not wane at all and right up to the last, Lindsay was still thinking and talking about his beloved birds.

Predeceased by his wife Muriel, Lindsay is survived by his brothers Keith and Ray.

Walter Boles and Brian Crisp

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Patrick Albert Bourke, a long standing member of the ABSA, died on 26 October 1988. Pat, as he was known, first joined in late 1963, nine months after the formation of the Bird Bander's Association, supporting the Association in all its activities.

Pat was the author of the book *A Handbook of Elementary Bird Study* (1955) and provided material for other ornithological books and journals published in Australia and overseas. He was a Country Councillor and Life Member (1948) of the N.S.W. Gould League and regularly published notes and excellent black and white photographs in the journal *Gould League Notes* up until 1965, when that journal was incorporated into a new publication of the N.S.W. Department of Education.

As a primary school teacher and principal living in many parts of rural New South Wales, he was able to collect and publish informative data on the birds of the area in which he served. This information has important value in determining the more recent changes in the avifauna of the State. Pat, too, assisted in the establishment and management of some important Reserves in the Hunter Valley particularly Kooragang Island and Gould Island (Cabbage Tree) Nature Reserves. In 1983 Pat was awarded the Order of Australia for his contribution to ornithology.

To his wife Iona, daughter Kerry and his family, the Association extend its sympathy.

A. Morris

## CORRIGENDUM

Please note the following corrections to *Corella* Volume 13, Number 1, March 1989.

Page 21: In Heat regulation in the Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana*, paragraph 3, alter 1300 hr to read 1030 hr.

Page 24: In Bird in the Hand — Identification of nestling egrets (*Egretta* sp. and *Ardeola ibis*), the captions for the Cattle Egret and the Great Egret as to the location of the notch are transposed. They should read:

Cattle Egret — NOTCH BELOW BACK OF EYE.

Great Egret — NOTCH BEHIND BACK OF EYE.