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An Age Character in Australian Fruit-Doves

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Many members of the fruit-dove genus *Ptilinopus*, of which there are 47 species (Goodwin 1967), have an emarginated outer primary, while in others the tip of the primary tapers to a point (Figure 1). The shape of this primary has been used as a taxonomic character in subdividing the genus.