

A Bibliography of Research by the Victorian Ornithological Research Group, 1962-1981

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Two hundred and twenty references relating to research conducted by the Victorian Ornithological Research Group are listed. The period covered is the twenty years between the Group's formation in 1962 and December 1981. Part 1 lists the references alphabetically with annotations; Part 2 lists the 36 projects undertaken by VORG and cross-references these with the entries in Part 1.

Introduction

The Victorian Ornithological Research Group (VORG) was formed in 1962 to co-ordinate amateur ornithological research in Victoria. It has acted as a focus for amateur research, particularly banding studies, by providing people, finance and ideas, and by encouraging publication of the results of this research. Noonan (1963) and Moroney (1974) give further details of the formation, history and aims of VORG.

In this bibliography I have attempted to provide a comprehensive list of publications and unpublished reports resulting from VORG activities up to December 1981. It is designed for the working ornithologist and therefore includes only publications and reports which present results of research, or which outline the aims and methods of projects yet to be fully documented. The numerous progress reports published in *VORG Notes* are not included unless they contain information which is unavailable elsewhere. In all 220 entries are included.

In compiling the bibliography I searched all post 1962 issues of *The Australian Bird Bander*, *The Australian Bird Watcher*, *Corella*, *The Emu*, *Geelong Naturalist*, *The Stilt*, *Victorian Wader Study Group Bulletin* and *VORG Notes*. I have also relied on information from the VORG archives and from VORG members.

There are two parts to the bibliography. Part I is a list of publications and unpublished reports arranged alphabetically under author(s). Names are given as originally printed; for example Reilly, P. N. and Reilly, Pauline are treated as separate names although they refer to the

same person. Each entry is numbered consecutively to allow cross-referencing with Part 2. Part 2 is an alphabetical list of all 36 official VORG projects and the numbers of relevant entries from Part 1. This will save those who are interested in the results of a particular project from having to read through the entire bibliography.

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PART 2. LIST OF PROJECTS AND SURVEYS

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- Atlas of the Birds of the Melbourne Region: 1975-1976. A13, A24.
- Beachwashed Seabird Survey: 1975-1978.
- Bell Miner Survey [*Manorina melanophrys*]: 1970-1973. M3.
- Big Desert Survey [study of habitat preferences of birds in the Big Desert]: 1979——. A11, H9, H10, N2.
- Bird Banding — general: 1962-1965. G2, N3, R3.
- Braeside Banding Station: 1978——. M17, M18.
- Braeside Environmental Survey: 1981——.
- Breeding Requirements of Ibis: 1967-1968. B12, G6, G7.
- Cape Woolamai Banding Station [study of Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*]: 1965-1967. A4, A23, G4, G10, N11-N13.
- Cape Woolamai Passerine Survey: 1967-1969. B18, B20, H1, M1.
- Eden Park Survey [survey to document the fauna of an area near Whittlesea]: 1974-1975. A12.
- Fire Survival Survey: 1965-1966. A7, C5, H2.
- Flame Robin Survey [*Petroica phoenicea*]: 1965——. B1-B9, F3, H3, K6, K7, P1, R4, R7-R12, R14, R35, R36, T2.
- French Island Survey: 1965-1971. Q1-Q11.
- Handlist of Victorian Birds: 1962-1967. W10.
- Helmeted Honeyeater Survey [*Lichenostomus melanops cassidix*]: 1962-1967. C3, C4, F2, H11-H13, W7.

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- Mallee Fowl Survey in the Sunset Country [*Leipoa ocellata*]: 1962-1963. G9.
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- Penguin Study Group [*Eudyptula minor*]: 1962——. N1, R5, R6, R13, R15-R22, R24-R34, T1, W11.
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- Rainbow Bee-eater Study [*Merops ornatus*]: 1979——. F1, H4, H5.
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- Spur-winged Plover Survey [*Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*]: 1962-1969. A1-A3, W3.
- Survey Somers [avifaunal survey on eastern Mornington Peninsula]: 1963-1975. D3, D4, D6-D11, R1, R2.
- Swift Survey Group: 1960-1973. B10, N5-N10, S1-S3.
- Tawny Frogmouth Mass Fluctuations [*Podargus strigoides*]: 1970-1975. M2.
- Victorian Wader Study Group: 1978——. A14-A22, C1, D1, D2, D12, F4, L1-L4, M6-M13, R37, S9-S11.
- Westerfolds Survey [transect counts in part of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park]: 1980——.
- Westernport Avifaunal Survey: 1970-1974. G3.
- Westernport Seabird Survey: 1969-1974.