

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

the Orange-bellied Parrot was renamed the Orange-breasted Parrot in 1926 by the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union or RAOU (now known as Birds Australia) as the word 'belly' was considered inelegant?

the Crimson Finch occurs in Australia, West Papua, Indonesia & Papua New Guinea, and has an estimated habitat area of 100,000- 1,000,000 km²?

the Scarlet Honeyeater is also known as the Crimson Honeyeater, Scarlet Myzomela, Sanguineous Honeyeater and Bloodbird?

the Pheasant Coucal has both a summer and winter vocalisation, in summer it is a low descending 'boop boop boop', while in winter it utters a sharp hissing sound?

some Aboriginal tribes of south-eastern Australia used pickled heads of the Bell Miner for medicinal purposes?

that Green Catbirds are noted for having an unusual layer of wet, soft wood beneath the lining of fine twigs and leaves in their nests?

the Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot at 11.5g (0.41oz) and 8.6cm (3.4 inches) is the smallest parrot in the world?

the sound of the Papuan Hornbill's wings is loud and distinctive, and has been compared to the sound of steam escaping from a steam locomotive?

a group of Lyrebirds is called a "musket"?

a female Lyrebird incubates the single egg laid for over 50 days before it hatches?

the Large-billed Reed-warbler was rediscovered in Thailand in March, 2006, the first sighting since 1867?