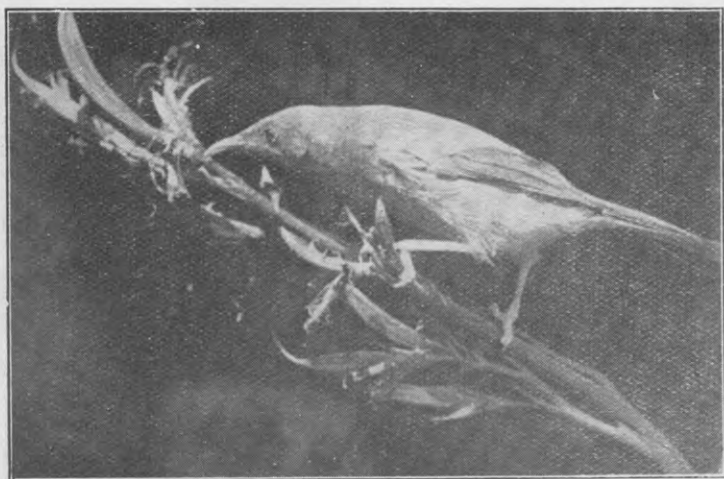


the form of sanctuaries and feeding thereon. August has been selected as usually the most pressing winter month, and it is therefore called "Bird Month."

The feeding of birds presents little difficulty. Soon they will recognise their benefactors and come to the sound of a bell or whistle, if so desired, provided the summons and food are regularly given. It is advisable not to feed over a heavy growth of grass or other plant life, as some of the food usually is dropped on the ground and in seeking it birds get hopelessly wet and chilled. Therefore let your food station be over cultivated or bare ground. Quite a good idea to keep the ever-present neighbour's cat in check is to fence in a small area, say 12 or 20 feet in width, with large-mesh wire-netting to a height of 6 feet. The birds fly to the feeder through and over the netting while pussy stays outside.



BELL-BIRD SIPPING NECTAR OF FLAX.

The Tui also likes that delicious juice. Planters of trees and shrubs should remember the kinds which yield food for native birds.



"The best conservation laws are graven upon the hunter's conscience," remarks a contributor to "American Game." Now, are they? Suppose that there is no conscience?

Sad experience has proved that many hunters utterly lack conscience. Any attempt to touch them through their conscience would be like trying to thrust a feather through a crocodile's hide.