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Sammlung Blomfield  
Hersteller unbekannt, um 1930?

Paddy & Pam Blomfield, Australia, SG

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G'day Siegmarr,

Many thanks as always for the PK 2007-1 CD just received - much appreciated!

We have attached photos of a rather unusual tray / dish, with an interesting "Lyrebird" and are wondering whether you might have come across anything like this before?

Length 29 cm [handle to handle], width 19 cm [at it's widest on the "bow"], height 4,5 cm [including "feet"].

We had imagined that the "Lyrebird" was / is a native bird to Australia, so it is strange to find it featuring on glass made in Europe. There is certainly no trace of it in any of the English makers' catalogues, who might have produced it for export to Australia.

It is a strange colour - very hard to describe - that seems to be somewhere between pink & amber.

We do not know whether any of your colleagues who were involved in the actual process of glass-making might be able to throw any light on this strange colour? Hopefully, one of your PK people may be able to help!

Best Wishes & Thanks,  
Paddy & Pam

SG: Hello Pam & Paddy,

thanks for the interesting pictures with this strange bird - I never saw this pattern till now, sorry!

I agree with you that it was probably not produced in England and I am sure that it was not produced in Germany, Belgium, Netherlands or France. As always when I do not know something for certain I suppose it was made in Czechoslovakia from 1925 to 1939. But we have no catalogue to trace it. Czechoslovakia in these years produced glass foremost for exports all over the world and of course they tried to interest customers with motives of their home countries. But it is astonishing that someone in Czechoslovakia knew this extraordinary "Lyrebird" which lives only in Australia. But keep in mind the "Koalas" and other animals from Australia which were not made in Australia but somewhere in Europe! (Look for PK 2007-1, Bannister, Koala ...)

With best regards,  
Siegmarr Geiselberger

Lyrebird: [Superb Lyrebird](#) or Weringerong (*Menura novaehollandiae*; Prachtleierschwanz) is found in areas of wet forest in Victoria and New South Wales and in

Tasmania where it was introduced in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Females are 74-84 cm long, males are 80-98 cm long. Many Superb Lyrebirds live in the National Parks Dandenong Ranges and Kinglake around Melbourne, and in several other parks along the east coast of Australia. A Superb Lyrebird is featured on the reverse of the Australian 10 cent coin. The Australian Museum has fossils of lyrebirds from about 15 million years ago.

**Alberts Lyrebird** (*Menura alberti*; Schwarzleierschwanz) is only found in a very small area of Southern Queensland rainforest. They have slightly smaller, less spectacular lyrate feathers than the Superb Lyrebird. Albert's Lyrebird was named in honour of Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria. [Wikipedia]

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