

## Bird Notes.

By Professor J. B. Cleland.

A Musk Duck (*Biziura lobata*) was seen in March, 1929, near the south coast of Kangaroo Island—a new record for that island.

By H. M. Hale.

Seven Black-backed Magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) were seen on 6th April, 1929, about two miles south of Palmer.

By J. W. Mellor.

Mr. Frank Storr reported to me that while travelling from Melbourne via Geelong on 22nd February, 1929, when five miles on the Melbourne side of Lake Bolac, near Wickliffe, Victoria, he noted 60 Native Companions (*Megalornis rubicundus*) in a field by the roadside. They were feeding, and allowed him to get quite close to them. There was a lot of water in the vicinity.

By P. W. Mellor.

Some small flocks of Rock-Pebblers (*Polytelis anthopeplus*) were seen on 23rd March, 1929, near the road between Wellington and Meningie.

By F. E. Parsons.

Two lots, comprising two and six birds each, of Rock-Pebblers were seen on 2nd April, 1929, at Eastern Well, about six miles west of Mantung.

By J. Rau.

At 8.30 a.m. on 8th March, 1929, a flock of five Galahs (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*) was seen on the South Park Lands, near Goodwood.

By E. F. Boehm, Sutherlands, 17th May, 1929.

Since my previous notes were published I have seen a Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) near Sutherlands, and an Elegant Parrot (*Neophema elegans*) has been taken at Bower. The Chestnut-crowned Babbler (*Pomatostomus ruficeps*) has been seen only north and east of Sutherlands, whilst the White-browed species (*P. superciliosus*) is distributed over the whole district. Many White-naped Honeyeaters (*Melithreptus lunatus*) were seen near Halfway House, Annadale, and a bird was secured near Sutherlands. Several Regent Honeyeaters (*Zanthoniza phrygia*) have been reported to me, and I was shown a specimen from near Sutherlands. Yellow-winged Honeyeaters (*Meliornis novae-hollandiae*) have been seen on several occasions. When working the scrub near Halfway House, Annadale, the Yellow-throated Miner (*Myzantha flavigula*) only was seen, whilst on a previous visit the Noisy Miner (*M. melanocephala*) was the dominant form.

By W. J. Harvey, Coombe, 6th May, 1929.

Since writing last I noted on 8th April a flock of Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*) flying over in the early morning, and later in the day 15 Galahs (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*). This latter species seems to come and go at any time, although until the spring of 1925 there were no records of it in the district. On the 13th a male Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*) was seen, and on the 17th a Nankeen Night-Heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*). On the 4th May a Spotted Harrier (*Circus assimilis*) and Grey-backed Silvereyes (*Zosterops halmaturina*) were observed.

By Dr. A. S. Randell.

At Deep Creek, Lake Alexandrina, on 16th April, 1929, I saw two flocks of 22 and nine birds respectively of the Eastern Curlew (*Numenius cyanopus*).

At Loveday Bay, Lake Alexandrina, on 27th-28th April, 1929, I noted seven Red-necked Avocets (*Recurvirostra novae-hollandiae*); five Eastern Curlews; Curlew Sandpipers (*Erolia testacea*), two small flocks; Sharp-tailed Sandpipers (*Erolia acuminata*), about half a dozen. No large numbers of wading birds were seen. A Chestnut Teal (*Querquedula castanea*), which was sent to the S.A. Museum by Dr. H. M. Jay, was obtained on 28/4/1929. ♂ — iris, hazel; bill, upper slaty blue, culmen dark-grey, nail black; lower mandible, basal half black, distal half yellowish pink, tip blackish; legs and feet, greenish slate; total length, 19½ in.; span of wings, 28 in.

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