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During a visit from 18th to 20th May, 1930, at Holowiliena Station, 30 miles north-east of Cradock, which is 228 miles north of Adelaide, the following birds were seen within a radius of 50 miles from the township. Owing to the dry state of the country' most of the bird life was to be seen about the gum creeks and adjoining plains.

Diamond Dove (*Geopelia cuneata*)—Two were seen; Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*), 3; Black-fronted Dotterel

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(*Charadrius melanops*)—Two were noted among low rushes in a running creek; White-faced Heron (*Notophox novae-hollandiae*)—I saw one and passed under the tree on which it was perched; Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), 2; Hawk sp., 4; Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Uroaetus audax*)—Ten were seen—I was able to approach within 20 yards of two fine birds feeding on a dead sheep; Whistling Eagle (*Haliastur sphenurus*), 3; White Cockatoo (*Kakatoe galerita*), 10; Galah (*K. roseicapilla*)—Many large flocks were seen; Ringneck Parrot (*Barnardius barnardi*)—Very common; Owlet Nightjar (*Aegotheles cristata*)—I flushed one from an old dry gumtree, the hollow being about 10 feet from the ground; Fairy Martin (*Hylochelidon ariel*)—Quite a number were noted around all the running creeks; Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*) seen; Restless Flycatcher (*Seisura inquieta*) seen; Rufous Whistler (*Pachycephala rufiventris*), 1; Magpie-Lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), 1; Crested Bellbird (*Oreoica gutturalis*)—Three were seen, many heard in the native pine country; Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*)—One was seen in a gum creek near a water-hole; White-browed Babbler (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*)—Very common in the native pine country; Masked Wood-Swallow (*Artamus personatus*) and White-browed Wood-Swallow (*A. superciliosus*)—These were in company and in great numbers—they did not appear to be moving in any particular direction; White-browed Treecreeper (*Climacteris affinis*)—Many were seen, mostly among sandalwood-trees; Red-tipped Pardalote (*Pardalotus ornatus*)—Met with in every gum creek; White-plumed Honeyeater (*Meliphaga penicillata*)—Very common; Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*)—These were noted among the pepper-trees at the station; Yellow-throated Miner (*Myzantha flavigula*), 3; Pipit (*Anthus australis*)—Seen on the saltbush plains; Crows (*Corvus* sp.)—Very common; Black-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*).

Woodside, 18/8/1930.—Both the Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) and Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) are quite plentiful here just at present, and their calls are often heard. I noticed four Black-capped Sittellas (*Neositta pileata*) in the apple-trees this morning. They were very busy.