
Bird Notes.

Fork-tailed or White-rumped Swifts (*Micropus pacificus*).—Mr. W. W. Weidenbach reported that he had seen about 200 of these Swifts flying over Glen Osmond some 1,000 feet up at 7.15 p.m. on 27th January, 1932.

Mr. J. Sutton stated that on the same evening at Mitcham, between 7.15 and 7.35 p.m. he saw 33 Swifts. They circled around for a short period, coming from the north-west in front of an advancing storm, and travelling south-easterly. They ranged from 150 to 1,000 feet. The light was too dull to enable the white rump to be picked out, but the fork-tail could be distinguished. Three of the birds seemed slightly larger than the others. None of the species was seen next morning.

Both Glen Osmond and Mitcham are situated at the foothills of the Mount Lofty Ranges, and the direction of the birds' flight would take them to the Ranges. The maximum shade temperatures for six days were:—24th (96.2 deg.), 25th (101.2 deg.), 26th (104.8 deg.), 27th (108.4 deg.), 28th (94.7 deg.), 29th (88.4 deg.).

Mr. T. G. Souter, near Maitland, Yorke's Peninsula, advised that on 2nd March, 1932, at 9.45 a.m., a flock of Fork-tailed Swifts came into view flying from south-east, whirling around and disappearing in the north-west.* A few were flying low and numbers very high up. They were visible for about an hour.

Mr. Weidenbach mentioned that on 3rd January, 1905, he saw a flock of about 500 Fork-tailed Swifts when he was 120 miles north of Port Augusta.

* This was doubtless a return migration.—Editors.