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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting was held at the Royal Society's Rooms on Friday evening, 1st April, 1932. The President for the past year (Dr. A. M. Morgan) was in the chair.

Sale of Protected Birds.—The Hon. Secretary reported the result of his interview with the Chief Inspector of Fisheries and Game on this matter. The provisions of Sections 10 and 20 of the Animal and Birds Protection Act, 1919, relating to this question are:—

“Section 10 (1). The Minister may grant permits for the taking on Crown lands or on any other land with the consent of the occupier of such land, for scientific purposes, of any protected animals or birds, or the eggs of any protected birds, or for the taking, on Crown lands or any other land with such consent as aforesaid, of any protected animals or birds for the purpose of the same being kept in confinement or in a domesticated state.

“ (2): The Minister may also grant permits to sell any protected animal or birds which have been bred in captivity, or any protected animal or birds which have been lawfully taken for the purpose of the same being kept in confinement or in a domesticated state.

“ (3). Every permit granted hereunder may be issued subject to such restrictions and upon such terms as the Minister thinks fit: Provided that—

- i. every permit shall be liable to revocation by the Minister;

- ii. every permit shall specify a period during which the same will remain in force unless revoked before the expiration of such period; and
- iii. in no case shall such period exceed twelve months."

"Section 20. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, it shall be lawful for—

- (b) any person to keep any animal or bird as a domestic pet."

With regard to the species to which attention was drawn the Chief Inspector did not believe that Pelicans were on sale; that species is partially protected—from 1st July to 31st January. Silver Gulls are totally unprotected on Kangaroo Island and also at times in certain places on the mainland. The Cape Barren Geese were bred in captivity. The Plovers (two kinds) were taken under a permit. Bronzewing Pigeons and some Kookaburras were bred in captivity.

A number of the permits granted covered the following species:—Kookaburras (many), Rock Pebblers, Cockatoo Parrots, Elegant, Bourke, and Scarlet-chested Parrots, and Black Swans.

The statement of receipts and expenditure, printed elsewhere in this Part, was read by the Hon. Secretary and was adopted.

The following officers were elected for the new year:—President, Mr. Alfred Crompton; Vice-President, Mr. Edwin Ashby; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Sutton; Editorial Committee, Professor J. B. Cleland, Messrs. F. M. Angel and J. Sutton; Delegate to the S.A. Advisory Committee on Export of Fauna, Mr. F. E. Parsons.

The subjects for discussion were the Magpies in South Australia—the White-backed (*Gymnorhina hypoleuca*) and the Black-backed (*G. tibicen*). Specimens were exhibited from the S.A. Museum collection.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

—April, 1932.—

The monthly meeting was held at the usual place and time on Friday, 29th April, 1932. Dr. A. M. Morgan was in the chair.

Bird Notes were supplied by Professor J. B. Cleland, Messrs. M. W. Mules, H. Simpson, and J. B. Shekleton.

The subjects for the evening were the Whitefaces (*Aphelocéphalæ*), under the direction of Dr. A. M. Morgan, who exhibited from the S.A. Museum collection specimens of the four species—*A. leucopsis*, Eastern Whiteface; *A. castaneiventris*, Western Whiteface; *A. pectoralis*, Chestnut-breasted Whiteface; and *A. nigricincta*, Banded Whiteface. All the species have been found in South Australia, and according to Captain Sturt, John Gould (in 1839) obtained the type specimen of *A. leucopsis* "almost on the steps of Government House in Adelaide."

—May, 1932.—

The monthly meeting was held at the usual place and time on Friday, 27th May, 1932. The President, Mr. Alfred Crompton, was in the chair.

New Members.—The following were duly nominated as members:—Master Chris. Cain, care Myrtle Springs Station, via Copley, S.A.; Mr. D. W. Brummitt, No. 1 Harrow Road, St. Peters.

Bird Notes were supplied by Miss Joan Cleland, Dr. A. S. Randell, Messrs. D. W. Brummitt, F. E. Parsons, T. G. Souter, and J. Sutton.

The subjects for the evening were the Cuckoos found in South Australia. Dr. A. M. Morgan was in charge and he exhibited specimens from the S.A. Museum collection. Mr. F. E. Parsons exhibited specimens, as well as eggs, from his collection. The Cuckoos dealt with were—*Cuculus pallidus*, Pallid Cuckoo; *Cacomantis flabelliformis*, Fan-tailed Cuckoo; *Owenavis osculans*, Black-eared Cuckoo; *Chalcites basalis*, Horsfield Bronze-Cuckoo; and *Lamprococcyx plagosus*, Golden Bronze-Cuckoo. The whole five species may be seen and heard in spring and summer near to Adelaide.
