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6th June, 1932.—We had a couple of inches of rain this month and over an inch on the 31st of last month. This will give us feed until Christmas. Previous to the rain I do not think there were more than half-a-dozen Spur-winged Plovers (*Lobibyx novae-hollandiae*) in the district; the day after the rain fell there were hundreds, and they are now nesting.

12th August, 1932.—The Channel-billed Cuckoo (*Scythrops novae-hollandiae*) and the Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) are found in this district. The former did not put in an appearance with the present flood, as it is such a small one; usually if the main channel of the river (Diamantina) runs at all one or two Channel-billed will come ahead of the flood water—if it is a big floods dozens will arrive—and breed here, but all will go north when the water begins to dry up. Some years ago in the Pandie horse paddock eight or nine of us were mustering and we saw eight young Channel-billed Cuckoos in a tree that had four Crows' nests in it. I have never found the Pallid Cuckoo's egg, but the birds seem to me to be about the district for the whole year. The only migrator I know is the Bee-eater (*Meropops ornatus*). I have never yet known one to remain here during the winter. They come and go as regular as clockwork. I have seen nothing of the Flock Pigeons (*Histriophaps histrionica*); though from neighbours I have received reports of their still being in the district. The last report came from Bararie, west of Burt's Waterhole, on the edge of Goyder's Lagoon plain, on the Marree-Birdsville main road. Odd flocks of eight or ten birds were flushed on the edge of the flooded country.
