

*Bird Notes.*

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By Dr. A. M. Morgan.—Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*).—Six birds taken 10 miles north of Adelaide on 18th June, 1932, had irides bright brown, legs and feet pinkish grey, inside mouth whitish. Two males averaged—total length, 18.25 cm.; spread, 34.35 cm.; weight, 102.5 grammes. Four females averaged—total length, 17.92 cm.; spread, 34.4cm.; weight, 112.5 grammes. The largest bird was a female—total length, 18.5 cm.; spread, 36.5 cm.; weight, 125 grammes. Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*). One was seen at North Adelaide on 29th July, 1932.

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Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) was heard at North Adelaide on 2nd August, 1932.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*).—A bird flew out of a loquat tree in the garden on 4th August, 1932.

Little Grassbird (*Megalurus gramineus*).—A bird was calling in the reeds in the River Torrens on 28th July, 1932.

On 10th July, 1932, in a walk along the River bank from the Zoo to the weir, there were seen—5 Hoary-headed Grebes (*Podiceps poliocephalus*), 2 Red-necked Grebes (*P. ruficollis*), 4 Little Pied Cormorants (*Microcarbo melanoleucus*), 3 Silver Gulls (*Larus novae-hollandiae*), a Blue Bald Coot (*Porphyrio melanotus*), 5 Coots (*Fulica atra*), some Dusky Moorhens (*Gallinula tenebrosa*), some Black Swans (*Chenopsis atrata*), a Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), a Grey Teal (*Querquedula gibberifrons*), a ♀ Musk Duck (*Biziura lobata*), 2 Grey Shrike Thrushes (*Colluricinclla harmonica*), some Magpie-Larks (*Grallina cyanoleuca*), 12 Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrikes (*Coracina novaehollandiae*), 2 Crested Shrike-Tits (*Falcunculus frontatus*), some White-plumed Honeyeaters (*Meliphaga penicillata*), a Little Wattle-Bird (*Anthochaera chrysophtera*), a Nankin Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*), and a. White-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina hypoleuca*).

On 4th August, 1932, were noted:—An Azure Kingfisher (*Alcyone azurea*) near the Frome Road Bridge, a Magpie-Lark sitting on a nest 30 feet up in a red gumtree, quite close to the City Bridge, and a Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus australis*) singing near there in the reeds.

Freckled Duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*).—Two birds were obtained by Dr. Bronte Smeaton at Buckland Park on 27th July, 1932.

On 30th July, 1932, with Mr. J. Neil McGilp, the country between South and Clarendon Roads, not far from Happy Valley Reservoir, was visited. 22 species of birds were seen, but only the Yellow-winged Honeyeaters (*Meliornis novaehollandiae*) were nesting, 5 nests being found—one with two young ready to fly, one with two eggs, one with an egg, and two being built.

Two visits were paid to the Camden Swamps with Mr. J. Neil McGilp. On 21st August, 1932, were seen:—A Little Crake (*Porzana pusilla*), 50 Little Pied Cormorants, 3 Marsh Terns (*Chlidonias leucopareia*), a number of Silver Gulls, 4

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Red-kneed Dotterels (*Erythrogonys cinctus*), 3 White-headed Stilts (*Himantopus leucocephalus*), one a young bird with a grey head, 6 White-faced Herons (*Notophoyx novae-hollandiae*), 2 White-necked Herons (*N. pacifica*), 300 Grey Teal. No nests were found, almost all the samphire being under water.

On 10th September, 1932, were seen:—4 Little Crakes, 8 Red-kneed Dotterels, a White-headed Stilt, 50 Sharp-tailed Sandpipers (*Erolia acuminata*), one with rufous tinge on breast, 20 White-faced Herons, 2 White-necked Herons, 6 Black Duck (3 pairs), 500 Grey Teal, and a Black-eared Cuckoo (*Owenavis osculans*). Nests:—Little Crake, one with 4 eggs, one with 3 eggs, one with 2 eggs, and many nests being built. Red-kneed Dotterel; 3 nests, two with 4 eggs each, and one with 3 addled eggs, and another egg was found a little distance away.

Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo gigas*).—One day in late July Dr. Gerald Hayward was standing near the rose fountain in the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide. A Kookaburra alighted on the rim of the fountain. In a minute or two a White-backed Magpie flew at and struck the Kookaburra in the back, knocking it into the water. The Kookaburra seemed on the point of drowning when Dr. Hayward pulled it out of the water with the aid of his walking-stick and placed the bird on the rim. Very shortly after it fell again into the water. Dr. Hayward then pulled the bird out and placed it on the grass, where it appeared to be all right.