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*Bird Notes.*

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I am sending you a list of the birds and nests we have observed during our outings. With the exception of that to Kersbrook, R. F. Brown was with me on each trip. The numbers in brackets indicate the individuals noted:—

At Fulham on 19th December, 1935.—Marsh Tern (*Chlidonias leucopareia*) (1); Black Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) (3); Pied Cormorant (*P. varius*) (2); White-headed Stilt (*Himantopus leucocephalus*) (8). These birds probably were nesting in the samphire, as they made a great fuss and repeatedly stood on the ground and flapped their wings; Red-necked Stint (*Erolia ruficollis*) (3); Snipe sp. ? (3) were flushed from samphire growing in a shallow swamp; Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), an immature bird was seen in the same swamp. A nest of the Spotted Crake (*Porzana fluminea*), containing five addled eggs, was found in the middle of a clump of reeds in some shallow water.

At Beaumont on 23rd December, 1935.—White-fronted Chat (*Epthianura albifrons*) (8), including two young. I caught one that could hardly fly, and its cries nearly drove the parents frantic. It stopped squeaking as soon as released. Pipit (*Anthus australis*) (5)—two adults and three young.

Near Fulham on 27th December, 1935.—A Nankeen Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*) was seen being chased boldly by a Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*); a Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*) was sitting motionless in a banksia tree; a Ring-neck Parrot (*Barnardius barnardi*) was found dead. It had been shot in the wing. A nest of a Willie Wagtail was noticed on the top of an electric light standard. It held three young, almost fledged. The parents were nowhere near.

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At Kersbrook on 1st January, 1936.—Brown Thornbill (*Acanthiza pusilla*) (2); Brown Tree-creeper (*Climacteris picumnus*) (1); Diamond Firetail (*Zonaeginthus guttatus*) (1). Nest with three eggs. The bird flushed when I shook the tree. Red-browed Finch (*Aegintha temporalis*) (6). On the Millbrook Reservoir were seen—Little Grebe (*Podiceps ruficollis*) (8), and a Little Pied Cormorant (*Microcarbo melanoleucus*).

At Port Noarlunga on 3rd January, 1936.—Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*). About twenty were flushed in a wheat paddock; they were very fat birds. Marsh Tern (2); Crested Tern (*Sterna bergii*) (10)—two adults and eight immature sitting on rocks with Silver Gulls (*Larus novae-hollandiae*); Red-capped Dotterels (*Charadrius ruficapillus*) were feeding on the mud flats in company with twelve Waders (species ?); a Little Grassbird (*Megalurus gramineus*) was heard calling; two Zebra Finches (*Taeniopygia castanotis*) were on a fence near Reynella.

At Onetree Hill on 7th January, 1936.—Whistling Eagle (*Haliastur sphenurus*) (1); Little Falcon (*Falco longipennis*) (1); Brown Hawk (*Falco berigora*) (2); Musk Lorikeet (*Glossopsitta concinna*) (8); Red-backed Parrot (*Psephotus haematonotus*) (6); Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascians*) (3); Masked Wood-Swallow (*Artamus personatus*) (1); Little Wattle-Bird (*Anthochaera chrysoptera*) (3). Four nests were found referable to this species. Three were unused, but one seemed to be ready for eggs. It was well hidden in a banksia, and two birds were hanging around and calling repeatedly. Near Inglewood was found a nest of the Zebra Finch with five eggs much incubated. The bird was loth to flush.

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