

A NOTE ON THE CALLS OF THE PALLID CUCKOO

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On August 28, 1940, a male Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) was seen and heard uttering the usual "Scale-call" while perched on a telegraph wire at West Beach, near Glenelg. Suddenly another bird appeared and uttered a single loud, very harsh "Cheer." From its coloration this second bird was identified as a female. She perched on the same wire some distance from the male who again uttered the "Scale-call," then flew towards the female calling "Toy-it-ye, toy-it-ye." The female uttered the harsh "Cheer"

four times, and the male replied with the scale call in part only, several times. The female seemed highly excited, and the feathers of the head were ruffled. Another bird called "Toy-tyer, toy-tyer" in the distance. The pair under observation then flew off and were not seen again. A similar occurrence was noted in the Adelaide Parklands on September 9, 1946, but on this occasion the female also gave a call which I rendered as "Year-ack."