
SOME NOTES ON KANGAROO ISLAND BIRDS

(Supplied by Mr. H. M. COOPER, South Australian Museum).

Galah (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*). Mr. F. A. Willson, Hog Bay River, via Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island, in a letter dated 16/8/1946 stated that these birds first appeared in the district about 20 years ago. They are present all the year round and are troublesome if there is any grain about.

Introduced Birds (letter from L. Shakeshaft, Muston, 10/3/47). House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). Seen at Hog Bay by Mrs. Shakeshaft when a girl in 1893. Were well established at Muston prior to 1910. Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*). Have been noted at Muston for 30 years.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*). Occur all along American River in flocks of up to 1,000 or more; were established at Muston prior to 1910. They build in hollows in the cliffs on the south coast of the Island.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*). At least one has been seen at Muston by the postmaster, Mr. M. Turner.

Note: Muston is situated on the western side of American River, near Hungry Bay and directly opposite Picnic Point, near the eastern end of Kangaroo Island.
