

BIRD NOTES

Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*).—Some years ago a Black-backed Magpie was reported by Mr. T. Souter as being seen near the Victoria Park Race-course, where, of course, only "White-backs" normally occur. On March 29, 1951, I observed a male bird in intermediate plumage in company with normal "White-backs." At first sight this bird would probably be classed as a "Black-back," but the black back consisted of a very narrow black band, as is frequently met with in "hybrids" between the two forms. It is obviously the product of a "cross," either in the wild or captivity, and any "Black-backs" noted in the vicinity of Adelaide in the future should be carefully scrutinised.—H. T. Condon.