

MIGRATORY WADERS, 1953-54

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In "The Emu," volume 54, pages 51-57, and 140, 1954, is an account by the writer of migratory waders in South Australia, with recent (1947-53) records of the rarer species.

The following species were recorded during the 1953-54 season. Unless otherwise stated, records are by the writer.

Squatarola squatarola (Grey Plover).—1 at Outer Harbour, early 1954. (A. Lendon.)

Pluvialis dominicus (Golden Plover).—Patawalonga Ck., North Glenelg. First seen October 1, 1953 (3 birds); last seen April 12, 1954 (9 birds). Maximum number seen, 13.

Charadrius bicinctus (Double-banded Dotterel).—Goolwa Beach, June 20, 1954. Several flocks seen, totalling over 100 birds. Some had the two bands complete, others had the upper band complete and the lower (chestnut) band mottled or incomplete. The remainder all showed traces of both bands. A light wing bar is noticeable in flight. Outer Harbour—1 bird, July 3, 1954.

Numenius madagascariensis (Eastern Curlew).—Normal. Locality records of interest are 1 bird at Port Augusta West on September 11, 1953, and several at Port MacDonnell in January, 1954.

Limosa limosa (Black-tailed Godwit).—1 bird at Buckland Park, January, 1954. (R. Schodde.)

Limosa lapponica (Bar-tailed Godwit).—1 at Outer Harbour, early 1954. (A. Lendon.)

Tringa glareola (Wood Sandpiper).—River Torrens Outlet Channel. At least 7 on February 25, 1954, and a flock of 35 sandpipers, probably all of this species, on March 11. (23 Wood Sandpipers were counted on the mud-flat before the flock took to flight.) 1 at Meningie, December, 1953 (R. Schodde); 2 at Goolwa, December, 1953 (R. Schodde); 1 at Buckland Park, January, 1954 (R. Schodde, A. Lendon); and 6 at Overway Bridge, February, 1954 (R. Schodde).

Tringa hypoleuca (Common Sandpiper).—Goolwa Barrage. 1 in December, 1953 (R. Schodde); 2 on January 1, 1954 (R. Schodde); 1 in March, 1954 (R. Schodde), and 1 on April 3, 1954. Two birds at Port Noarlunga in March, 1954, one of which was trapped by an aviculturist. (Reported by A. Lendon).

Tringa nebularia (Greenshank).—Winter records are of 3 on July 10, 1953, and 1 on May 25, 1954, on the Patawalonga Ck., North Glenelg. A locality record is of several at Bool Lagoon in January, 1954.

Erolia ferruginea (Curlew Sandpiper).—A small number at Waltowa Swamp in January, 1954.

Erolia ruficollis (Little Stint).—Winter records are of several flocks, totalling about 100 birds, on Goolwa Beach (June 20, 1954), and a small number at Outer Harbour (July 3, 1954). In January, 1954, the species was recorded at Waltowa Swamp, The Coorong, and Port MacDonnell.

Erolia acuminata (Sharp-tailed Sandpiper).—In January, 1954, this species was seen in hundreds at Waltowa Swamp, and was also recorded along The Coorong, at Robe, and at Bool Lagoon.