

BIRD NOTES

SILVER GULL WITHOUT LEGS

On April 14, 1963, while travelling between Goolwa and the North side Hindmarsh Island our boat was followed by a group of about 8 gulls, one of which had no apparent legs. The bird flew directly overhead and the absence of any legs or *stumps* was conspicuous. The bird looked in good condition, though it flew a little behind the others and was not seen to alight on the water. It is difficult to see how such a bird could exist unless it is being fed by other birds, and even then it is difficult to see how it could get into the air once it had alighted on land or water. I think, but I am not sure, that this was an adult bird.

If anyone is in the Goolwa area could they keep a lookout for such a bird and see how it behaves.

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