

BIRD REPORT, 1970-71

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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

Reports were received of 309 species of birds recorded within South Australia for the year ending June 30, 1971. This is below the 1969-70 total of 338 but is on a par with the previous two years.

One species new to South Australia was reported, the Antarctic Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis* (specimen).

One of the most valuable aspects of the annual bird records scheme is the perception of variations in numbers of certain migratory and nomadic birds from year to year. An excellent example is the Rufous Songlark, as is shown by a summary of the last five years' records:—

- 1966-67 Very few records, of small numbers only.
 1967-68 No reports from southern districts.
 1968-69 Very numerous.
 1969-70 Smaller numbers than previous year.
 1970-71 No records during spring.

Such variations might never be brought to notice but for the accumulated records of a number of observers.

Papers of special significance to this report are—

Arthur, E. L. and M. J. (1970), Olive-backed Orioles near Lyndoch, *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 216.

Beruldsen, Gordon, R. (1971), The Letter-winged Kite, *Elanus scriptus*, *Australian Bird Watcher*, 4, 46-52.

————— (1972), Notes on Waders in South Australia, *ibid*, 147-150.

Bonin, Mark (1971), The Little Whimbrel (*Numenius minutus*) at St. Kilda, *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 233.

Eckert, John (1972a), Extension of Range of the Brush Bronzewing, *Emu*, 72, 23-24.

————— (1972b), Further Notes on the Little Quail, *S. Aust. Orn.*, 26, 34-36.

————— (1972c), Extension of the Range of the Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), *ibid*, 37-38.

————— (1972d), Extension of the Range of the Red-lored Whistler (*Pachycephala rufogularis*) and Comments on some

birds of the North-East of South Australia, *ibid*, 38-39.

Lendon, Alan (1971), Some Unusual Wader Records, *ibid*, 25, 240-1.

Robinson, Ross D. (1971), New South Australian Specimens from Goolwa Beach, *ibid*, 26, 18-24.

Vincent, David J. (1971), Beautiful Firetails on Kangaroo Island, *ibid*, 4.

Waterman, Max, David Glose and David Condon (1971), Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*) in South Australia: Breeding Colonies and Movements, *ibid*, 7-11.

Other references relevant to 1970-71 are in the *Australian Bird Watcher*, 4, 129 and 129-30 and the *South Australian Ornithologist*, 26, 6.

INTERPRETATION OF THE REPORT

The number preceding the species heading and the nomenclature used are those of H. T. Condon's *A Handlist of the Birds of South Australia*, Third Edition, 1969, although some vernacular names have been changed to retain names in common usage. The number in brackets following the species heading is that of the R.A.O.U. Checklist, 1926, and subsequent supplements.

Each locality is followed in brackets by the abbreviation (capital letters without full-stops) of the region of the State in which it occurs.

The Observer's initials (capital letters with full-stops) are usually in brackets at the end of the record or following several records by the same observer.

An asterisk preceding the species number signifies that all records received are included in the report.

REGIONS OF THE STATE

AP—Adelaide Plains	MM—Murray Mallee
EP—Eyre Peninsula	NE—North-East
KI—Kangaroo Island	NW—North-West
LN—Lower North	SE—South-East
MLR—Mount Lofty Ranges	YP—Yorke Peninsula

A map showing these regions is included in Bird Report, 1968-69, *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1971, p. 220.

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Records from excursions, camp-outs, etc., of various organisations are included as follows:—

A.O.C.—Adelaide Ornithologists Club.
 B.O.C.—Bird Observers Club.
 D.A.E.—Department of Adult Education.
 S.A.O.A.—South Australian Ornithological Association.
 S.N.C.—Strathalbyn Naturalists Club.
 W.E.A.—Workers' Educational Association.

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1. EMU (1)
 Sandleton (MM), one south of Sturt Highway, March 20 (J.C.), Ashville (MM), 9 on Dec. 26 (J.E.), Messent Nat. Pk (MM), 20+ on Oct. 10-12 (S.A.O.A. excn); north and south of Maree (NE), plentiful on July 4 (D.V.), Canegrass Stn (NE), numerous on Sept. 5 (G.R.); Stewart Range (SE), 9 nests found, clutches 4-10 eggs, July 4 (A.A.); 10 miles north of Mt Burr (SE), 6 on April 12 (J.C.).
11. LITTLE GREBE (61)
 Roonka (nr Blanchetown) (MM), hundreds on Aug. 2 (K.M.).
12. HOARY-HEADED GREBE (62)
 Mulyungarie and Quinyambie (NE), common on swamps, in breeding plumage, May (K.M.).
- *13. CRESTED GREBE (60)
 Tod River Resvr (EP), 2 on 7-14 Nov. (M.C., R.W.C.); Kenton Valley (MLR), Jan. 15 (D.L.); 5 miles south of Swan Reach (MM), 11 on March 21, Mannum (MM), 2 on March 21 (J.C.); Boggy Lake (MM), seen several times during summer but not as plentiful as in past years (J.E.).
- *14. WANDERING ALBATROSS (86)
 Cape Forbin (KI), one on Nov. 5, Cape Borda (KI), one on Nov. 16 (both adult) and West Bay (KI) one on Jan. 31 (immature, almost in adult plumage) (N.S.); Goolwa Beach (MM), one, dead, Nov. 22 (Ron R., R.D.R.).
15. BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS (88)
 Many records from sea off KI—max. '35 at Eastern Cove on Aug. 14. "Although odd birds may be sighted in Eastern Cove during any month, the most birds arrive

from mid-May to early June. This year the birds were later, probably due to fine weather at the end of May. The departure of the main body of birds at the end of August is normal. The reason for these birds coming into Eastern Cove during winter months appears to be the number of cuttlefish which die from mid-May to the end of September." (N.S.). Several records of up to 12 birds offshore between Port Willunga (MLR) and Robe (SE), and off Pt. Turton and Sturt Bay (YP). (sev. obs.)

16. YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS (89)

Many records from seas off KI until mid Nov. (max. 7) (N.S.); Rosetta Head (MLR), 2 on Aug. 22 (J.C.); Encounter Bay (MLR), continual procession all day on Aug. 30, 3-4 on horizon at a time (J.A.M., M.S.M.); Waitpinga (M.L.R.), 3, 4, 9, 1 and 7 on May 9, 29 and 30 and Aug. 13 and 19 resp. (J.C.).

*18. WHITE-CAPPED ALBATROSS (91)

Cape Borda (KI), 3 on Nov. 3 and 4, Cape Vennechar (KI), 4 on March 23 (N.S.); Waitpinga (MLR) 2 on May 30 (J.C.); Goolwa Beach (MM), one dead on Sept. 19 (Ron R., R.D.R.), one on Feb. 7 (J.C.).

*20. GIANT PETREL (79)

Dog Is., St Francis Is. Group (EP), one dead, Jan. 4-12 (P.M.); Cape Borda (KI), 2 on March 25 (N.S.); Rosetta Head (MLR), 3 soaring high above water, also swimming, Aug. 30 (J.A.M., M.S.M.); Yilki (MLR), 2 on Dec. 28 (J.P.); Waitpinga (MLR), 2 on May 30, one, dark phase, offshore June 13 (J.C.).

*21. CAPE PETREL (80)

West Bay (KI), one on Nov. 2 (N.S.); one mile off Snug Cove (KI), one on March 9 (D.V.); Port Elliott (MLR), one on July 11, Middleton (MLR), one on Aug. 8 (R.D.R.); Rosetta Head (MLR), one, flying, on Aug. 30 (J.A.M., M.S.M.); Goolwa Beach (MM), single dead birds on Aug. 16 and 22 and Sept. 19 (R.D.R.).

*— ANTARCTIC FULMAR (74)

Goolwa Beach (MM), one, dead, Sept. 19 (R.D.R.). See Robinson, R. D. (1971).

*22. GREAT-WINGED PETREL (75)

Goolwa Beach (MM), one skeleton, Sept. 19 (R.D.R.).

*23. WHITE-HEADED PETREL (77)

Goolwa Beach (MM), single dead birds on July 11 and Sept. 13 (R.D.R.).

*24. KERGUELEN PETREL (77A)

Goolwa Beach (MM), one, dead, Sept. 13 (R.D.R.).

*25. BLUE PETREL (81)

Middleton (MLR) one, dead, Aug. 8; Goolwa Beach (MM), one, dead, Aug. 8, 2 flying, Aug. 16 (R.D.R.).

*33. SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (71)

Adelaide beaches (AP), thousands offshore, some being blown inland, April 26 (J.C.); Hove (AP), thousands travelling north 150 yards offshore between 1100 and 1700 hrs. on April 27 and 1700 and 1845 hrs. on May 2 (E.N.); Bolivar (AP), several flying over treatment works lagoons on May 4 (B.G.); St Francis Is. Group (EP), vast numbers on all islands except Fenelon, nesting burrows found where conditions suitable, Jan. 4-12 (P.M.); Investigator Strait (KI-YP), numerous, seen mainly offshore when east or south-east winds blew, March 7-13 (D.V.); Maslins Beach (MLR), one, one mile inland, May 6 (I.M.); Normanville (MLR), a few half a mile offshore, June 27 (S.A.O.A. excn); Goolwa Beach (MM), many, dead, July 11 (R.D.R.); Beachport (SE), one, dead, March 6-8 (D.A.E. excn), Robe (SE), 2 offshore, April 12 (J.C.).

*35. FLUTTERING SHEARWATER (68)

Vennechar Bay (KI), 200+ on Nov. 3 (N.S.); Investigator Strait (KI), 7, March 8-13 (D.V.); Rosetta Head (MLR), 15 on April 25, Waitpinga (MLR), 40, 250+, "many hundreds offshore—impossible to count," 180 and 150 on May 9, 29, 30 and Aug. 13 and 19 resp.; Cape Jervis (MLR), 30 on May 23 (J.C.); Goolwa Beach (MM), 4, dead, on July 11 (R.D.R.); Point Turton (YP), recorded Sept. 5-12 (W.E.A. Spring School).

*36. WILSON STORM PETREL (63)

Cape de Couedic (KI), one on Nov. 14 (N.S.).

43. AUSTRALIAN GANNET (104)

Western River (KI), 42 on Nov. 6 (N.S.); Investigator Strait (KI), numerous March 8-13 (D.V.). A number of other records of small numbers off AP, EP, MLR and SE are spread throughout the year (sev. obs.).

44. BLACK CORMORANT (96)

Salt Lagoon (MM), 800+ and 40+ nests in use on Feb. 27 and June 20 resp. (D.H.C.), Lower Murray, lakes and swamps (MM), noticeably fewer than in previous years, but not uncommon (J.E.).

45. LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT (97)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 70 on Jan. 9 (B.G.); Salt Lagoon (MM), 900+ nests on June 20 (D.H.C.).
46. BLACK-FACED CORMORANT (98)
Goose Island (YP), 100 nesting on May 16 (F.H.); Investigator Strait (KI), numerous, seen 15 miles from land, also colonies roosting on north coast of KI, March 8-13 (D.V.).
47. PIED CORMORANT (99)
Coffin Bay and Farm Beach (EP), numerous, the most common cormorant, Jan. 17-Feb. 1 (D.V.); Salt Lagoon (MM), 50+ nests on June 20 (D.H.C.); Little Goose and White Rock Is. (YP); 60, May 16, nesting on broken boxthorn, using boxthorn and seaweed for nest (F.H.).
- *51. DARTER (101)
Lock Luna, nr Barmera (MM), one on July 18 (L.M.P.).
- *54. WHITE-NECKED HERON (189)
Keyneton (MLR), one on Nov. 8 (M.D.); Mannum (MM), one on July 4 (J.C.); Langhorne Ck Swamp (MM), only seen twice, in spring (J.E.).
- *55. CATTLE EGRET (184A)
Milang (MM), one, with cattle, Aug. 13 (B.G.); recorded June 12-30 (J.E.); 2 miles north of Wellington (MM), 7 on Sept. 5, 5 miles NW of Mannum (MM), one on Sept. 13, joined by another on Oct. 10 by which time first bird had attained summer plumage: constantly fed in a pig sty (J.C.); junction of Currency Ck and Murray River (MM), 3, with cattle, Oct. 4 (O.S.); 'Yalkuri,' L. Alexandrina (MM), 12 on Feb. 20 (J.E.).
- *56. LITTLE EGRET (185)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 16+, one and one on Aug. 23, Jan. 25 and 31 resp. (B.G.); recorded April 9 (J.E.); 10 on June 20 (J.H.H.); Goolwa (MM), one on Dec. 6 (J.E.); Wongulla (MM), one on June 14 and July 7; Swan Reach (MM), one on Aug. 12 (J.C.).
58. WHITE EGRET (187)
Torrens River, Adelaide (AP), 4 in bed of lake near Elder Park from July 15 to Aug. 1 (R.A.).
59. REEF HERON (191)
Coffin Bay (EP), 10, Jan. 17 to Feb. 1 (D.V.); other records of odd birds from Cape Jervis, Waitpinga and Yilki (MLR), Beachport (SE) and Point Turton (YP) (sev. obs.).
60. NANKEEN NIGHT HERON (192)
Lake Alexandrina (MM), frequently seen throughout year (J.E.); only other records from Coffin Bay (EP), Roonka, nr Blanchetown (MM) and Baudin Rocks and Robe (SE) (sev. obs.).
- *62. BROWN BITTERN (197)
Lake Alexandrina (MM), "Not seen, and not heard very often—seemed scarcer than usual." (J.E.).
63. WHITE IBIS (179)
Bolivar (AP), present throughout 1971, max. 100+ on June 7 (B.G.).
64. STRAW-NECKED IBIS (180)
For breeding records between 1962 and 1970 in Salt Lagoon (MM), Narrung Narrows (MM) and Bool Lagoon (SE) see Waterman, M., et al. (1971).
- *66. GLOSSY IBIS (178)
Bolivar (AP), one on treatment works lawn, March 1 (B.G.); Snake Is. and Milang area (MM), only seen on a few occasions (J.E.); Reedy Ck, Caloote (MM), 2 on Sept. 29-30 (J.C.); Bool Lagoon (SE), recorded May 7 (D.A.E. excn).
67. ROYAL SPOONBILL (181)
Bolivar (AP), 20 on Aug. 20 (B.G.).
68. YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL (182)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 20+ and one on Aug. 23 and Jan. 4 resp. (B.G.); Mosquito Point (MM), 40+ on April 11 (D.A.E. excn).
79. CAPE BARREN GOOSE (198)
Bolivar (AP), one on Nov. 9 (B.G.), St Kilda area (AP), feeding on mud flats at low tide on June 14 (T.G., H.W.); Little Swamp (EP), 50 on Nov. 8 (M.C., R.W.C.); Big Swamp (EP), 100+ on Sept. 21 (C.M.), 44 on Nov. 8 (M.C., R.W.C.); Lower EP, 2 small flocks on Oct. 22 (B.G.), St Francis Is. (EP), 50 on Jan. 4-12, "Flocks from 3-20 noted feeding; all geese congregate at freshwater soaks; number of droppings around soaks shows importance of freshwater to these birds." (P.M.); Rush Lagoon (KI), 5 on Aug. 22—"First birds of annual spring-summer movement here; counts have numbered up to 300+" (W.V.); Noarlunga (MLR), one on Oct. 27, Happy Valley Resvr (MLR), one on Feb. 17, had taken residence with domestic poultry; second bird reported by reservoir personnel (B.G.), also recorded on April 10 (M.O., H.W.); Myponga Resvr (MLR) one on March 24 (B.G.); Victor Harbour (MLR), 2 flying over town on April 25 (J.C.); Mosquito

Point, Lake Alexandrina (MM), present throughout year, peak numbers exceeding 100 (J.E.), Tucker Swamp, Strathalbyn (MM), 3 on Oct. 26 (J.H.); Bool Lagoon (SE), 2 on March 7 (D.A.E. excn).

80. BLACK SWAN (203)

Little and Big Swamps (EP), hundreds, Nov. 7-14 (M.C., R.W.C.); South Para Resvr (MLR), 40+ on Aug. 16 (D.L.); Waikerie area (MM)—"In Sept. and Oct. a rising river; swans feeding on newly flooded land; by December water had subsided; lagoons at Waikerie and Cadell contained many swans. On 10.1.71 Ramco Lagoon had at least 10,000 swans; by March nearly all gone." (K.M.)

83. CHESTNUT-BREASTED

SHELDUCK (207)

Lake Alexandrina (MM), reasonably plentiful during summer; at least 1000 at Mosquito Point in Feb. (J.E.); Tolderol Stn (MM), 200+ flushed from pasture, March 23 (M.D.); Birdsville Track (NE), 20 seen on 3 bore channels, July 6-8 (D.V.).

84. BLACK DUCK (208)

Metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), small to moderate numbers, max. 50+ on Hope Valley Resvr, March 9 (B.G.).

86. CHESTNUT TEAL (210)

Sleaford Bay (EP), 100, Nov. 7-14 (M.C., R.W.C.); Coffin Bay (EP), 20, Jan. 17-Feb. 1, 100 yards out on flat tidal sand beach at low tide (D.V.).

87. GREY TEAL (211)

Bolivar (AP), numerous from early Jan. to at least late March—max. c.500 on March 6, I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), numerous during above period—max. 300+ on Jan. 23 (B.G.); Metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), small numbers only (B.G.); Waikerie area (MM), moderate numbers during year (K.M.); Lake Alexandrina (MM), moderately common during summer; only a few present after March (J.E.); Birdsville Track (NE), 50+, July 5-7, seen on most of bore channels (D.V.).

88. BLUE-WINGED SHOVELER (212)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 4 on Aug. 23, Bolivar (AP), 2+ and c.8 on Feb. 15 and May 29 resp. (B.G.); Lake Alexandrina (MM), plentiful in summer, scarce since March (J.E.).

*91. PINK-EARED DUCK (213)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), recorded Aug. 23 (B.G.), 50+ on Sept. 19 (E.B.), 50+ on

Oct. 21 (R.R.); Bolivar (AP), odd birds early Nov. to late Jan. (B.G.); Lake Merreti (MM), dozens on Nov. 1, Hart's Lagoon, Waikerie (MM), 12 and 100 on Feb. 2 and 6 resp. (K.M.); Lake Alexandrina (MM), quite plentiful during summer (J.E.); Salt Creek area (MM), recorded on flooded claypans Aug. 8 (C.R.J.), only recorded by one observer, Oct. 10-12 (S.A.O.A. campout); Dickeree Lagoon, 12 miles south of Q.-S.A. border, 10 on July 6 (D.V.).

92. WHITE-EYED DUCK (214)

Bolivar (AP) recorded late Aug. to late Jan., max. 20+ on Aug. 29 (B.G.); Metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), mostly small numbers, July to March, maxima Happy Valley Resvr (MLR), 70 on Jan. 6 (B.G.) and Warren Resvr (MLR) 40+ on July 31 (D.L.); Nor'West Bend Stn (MM), c.500 on Aug. 5, first large congregation since 1967 (K.M.); Lake Alexandrina (MM), moderate numbers throughout year (J.E.).

94. MANED GOOSE (202)

Metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), small to moderately large numbers, Jan. to March, maxima Warren Resvr (MLR), 150+ on Feb. 15 (D.L.), Myponga Resvr (MLR), 50+ on March 24 and Clarendon Weir (MLR), 20+ on Jan. 12 (B.G.); near Cox's Scrub Nat. Pk (MLR), 18 at a dam edge, Nov. 15 (A.W.); Lake Alexandrina (MM), moderate numbers throughout year (J.E.).

*96. BLUE-BILLED DUCK (216)

Kellidie Bay (EP), 6 half a mile out, Jan. 17-Feb. 1 (D.V.); Roonka, nr Blanchetown (MM), a few, Aug. 2, L. Merreti (MM), pair with 2 young Nov. 1 (K.M.); Lake Alexandrina (MM), often seen during summer (J.E.); Woolley's Lake, Beachport (SE), recorded Jan. 18-22 (D.A.E. excn).

99. BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE (232)

Many records throughout year from southern portion of State.

100. LETTER-WINGED KITE (233)

Port Wakefield area (LN), 2 nests found on July 24, 15 feet above ground and 150 yards apart, with 4 and 1 nestling resp. nests lined with fur and bodies of mice. On July 26 the single young was dead; in the other nest one was barely alive, the others dead, one with head missing (P.T.); other records of 1-3 birds up until Aug. 30 (sev. obs.); Telowie Beach (LN), one on Aug.

- 8 (D.A.E. excn). See also Beruldsen, G. R. (1971).
102. **FORK-TAILED KITE** (229)
Port Wakefield area (AP), one on Aug. 8 (D.A.E. excn); I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on Sept. 7 (B.G.); Balaklava (AP), one on June 8 (P.T.); Marrabel (MLR) one on April 16 (W.M.); Glenburr Scrub (MM), one on Dec. 16, Reedy Ck (MM), one on Jan. 26 (J.C.); Birdsville Track (NE), 50, July 6-8, common at Marree, Clayton River and Birdsville (D.V.); "The Pines" near Woomera (NW), 60 on July 12 (G.R.).
112. **WHITE-BREASTED SEA EAGLE** (226)
Several records of from one to a few birds from St Francis Is. Group (EP), Sellick Beach (MLR), four Upper Murray River locations (MM) and Mosquito Point (MM) (sev. obs.).
- *113. **SPOTTED HARRIER** (216)
Cleve (EP), one on Oct. 22 (B.G.); near Cape Borda (KI), one on Nov. 24 (J.B.H.); Mundoora Nat. Pk (LN), recorded Aug. 9 (D.A.E. excn); Tepko (MM) one on Aug. 15 (J.C.); Milang (MM), one on Nov. 12 (B.G.).
115. **OSPREY** (241)
Records of one or two birds from St Francis Is. Group (EP), Snug Cove (EP) and Pondalowie Bay (YP) (sev. obs.).
- *116. **GREY FALCON** (236)
Woolpunda (MM), one on Nov. 7, seen taking a young miner from nest (M.T.); 9 miles NE of Mannum (MM), one on Aug. 12 (J.C.).
117. **BLACK FALCON** (238)
Records of one or two birds from near Goyder (LN), Normanville (MLR), Mosquito Point (MM), and Bool Lagoon (SE) (sev. obs.).
119. **LITTLE FALCON** (235)
Records of single birds from Tennyson (AP), Tod River area (EP), Gumeracha and Scott Nat. Pk (MLR), Quinyambie Stn (NE) and Bool Lagoon (SE) (sev. obs.).
120. **PEREGRINE FALCON** (237)
Records from Panorama (AP), Lincoln Park (EP), Rocky R. (KI), Mundoora Nat. Pk and Telowie Gorge (LN), 5 miles south of Coomandook (MM), near Robe (SE) and Point Turton (YP) (sev. obs.).
121. **NANKEEN KESTREL** (240)
Birdsville Track (NE), 50+ on July 7, common even on gibber country (D.V.).
- *123A. **BRUSH TURKEY** (8)
Rocky River (KI), one near mouth of river: 2 mounds noted (A.L.).
- *125. **SWAMP QUAIL** (11)
Naracoorte (SE), 2 on Feb. 13 with clutch of small young (A.A.).
- *127. **PAINTED QUAIL** (14)
Coffin Bay (EP), recorded Jan. 17-Feb. 1 (D.V.); Pondalowie Bay (YP), recorded Sept. 8, 4 miles west of Cape York (YP) recorded Sept. 12 (W.E.A. Spring School).
- *128. **LITTLE QUAIL** (18)
Langhorne Creek area (MM), one on Oct. 6 (R.C.), one on Oct. 30 (B.E.) and 2 in late Nov. (J.E.).
- *131. **BROLGA** (177)
Dickeree Lagoon (NE), 20+ on July 7 (D.V.); Bool Lagoon (SE), 20+ on March 7 (D.A.E. excn); 11.5 miles NE of Mt Gambier (SE), 2 on May 21 (R.G.).
- *132. **LEWIN WATER-RAIL** (45)
Woolley's Lake, Beachport (SE), one between Jan. 18-22 (G.P.R.).
- *133. **BANDED LANDRAIL** (46)
Teatree Gully (AP) one, found dead, Aug. 8 (R.A.); St Francis Is. Group (EP), appeared to be quite common Jan. 4-12 (P.M.).
- *134. **SPOTTED CRAKE** (49)
St Kilda (AP), 3 on July 25 (R.B.); Woolley's Lake, Beachport (SE), recorded Jan. 18-22 (D.A.E. excn).
- *135. **MARSH CRAKE** (50)
Mt Gambier (SE), recorded Jan. 20 (D.A.E. excn).
137. **BLACK-TAILED NATIVE HEN** (55)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 50+ on Aug. 23 (B.G.); Lake Merreti (MM), numerous on Nov. 1 (K.M.); Naracoorte (SE), present in fair numbers, Aug. 2 (A.A.).
140. **COOT** (59)
Hope Valley Resvr (AP), 150+ on March 9 (B.G.); Tod River Resvr (EP), 30 on Nov. 7-14 (M.C., R.W.C.); South Para Resvr (MLR), 120+ on July 16 (D.L.); Happy Valley Resvr (MLR), 80+ on Dec. 26 (B.G.).
- *141. **BUSTARD** (176)
Qualco (MM), one in barley cover crop among young vines on Nov. 24 (M.G.D.); Tolderol, near L. Alexandrina (MM), one on Nov. 24 (M.V.); Quinyambie Stn (NE), only one seen on extensive tour north of Waikerie—to as far as Queensland border in May (K.M.); Nullarbor Stn (NW), 4 on Aug. 19 (G.L.).

144. SOOTY OYSTER-CATCHER (131)

Outer Harbor (AP), 40 on Jan. 14 (M.D.); Grange to Henley Beach (AP), 33+ spread out along beach, June 25 (B.G.).

*145. MASKED PLOVER (134)

Birdsville Track (NE), 5 on gibber near Kopperamanna Bore, July 7 (D.V.).

145. SPUR-WINGED PLOVER (133)

Sleaford Bay (EP), 70, Nov. 7-14 (M.C., R.W.C.); Birdsville Track (NE), 7 in channel of Kopperamanna Bore on July 7 (D.V.); Bool Lagoon (SE), 500-2000 on March 7 (D.A.H. excn).

146. BANDED PLOVER (135)

Bolivar (AP), 21 on Jan. 22 (B.G.); Port Willunga Reef (MLR), 50+ on reef, Feb. 26 (M.O.) McGrath Flat (MM), 25 on Dec. 26 (K.M.).

*147. GREY PLOVER (136)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on July 4 (A.H.L.), 30-40 on July 19 (H.L.), 50 on Aug. 23 (B.G. et al.), 50+ on Aug. 30 (A.H.L.), c.12 on Nov. 29 (M.B.); Landlock, Coorong (MM), 2 on Feb. 27 (J.E.); Point Turton (YP), recorded Sept. 5-12 (W.E.A. Spring School); Port Arthur (YP), one on Jan. 2 (P.T.); Port Clinton (YP), 2 on Jan. 24 (J.C.); Price (YP), 90+, April 9-12 (A.O.C. excn).

*148. EASTERN GOLDEN PLOVER (137)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 3 on July 19 (H.L.); Landlock Coorong (MM), 12 on Feb. 27 (J.E.); near L. Alexandrina (MM), 4 in an almost bare paddock, April 9-12 (A.O.C. excn); near Mosquito Point (MM), recorded April 4 (D.A.E. excn).

150. RED-CAPPED DOTTEREL (143)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 300+, mainly juveniles, on Sept. 18, (C.K., M.K.), 1000+ on Jan. 1—"Largest flock I have ever seen, with several hundred rising at intervals from the mudflats, excitedly twittering; quite different call from normal 'tweet'". (R.S.).

151. DOUBLE-BANDED DOTTEREL

(140)

Port Willunga (MLR), 20+, in small groups congregating in seaweed, April 25 (D.K.); near Lake Alexandrina (MM), 600+ in a bare paddock, all appearing to be in non-breeding plumage, April 9-12 (A.O.C. excn). A number of other records over most of the year from I.C.I. Saltfields and Outer Harbor (AP), Arno Bay (EP), Port Willunga and Victor Harbor (MLR), Reedy Creek (near Mannum) and Coorong (MM) (sev. obs.).

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