

BIRD NOTES

ARCTIC TERN RECORD—On November 12, 1971, the skeleton of a beachwashed Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisea* was found at Middleton. Condon 1969 (*A Handlist of the Birds of South Australia*) gives only one previous record for South Australia (Brighton 1923).

The Middleton specimen is almost in eclipse plumage, having a mottled forehead and blackish red bill. The legs are still red, not black as in birds that have completed the transition. Other details are:— *Culmen*; approx. 32 mm. *Wing*; 260 mm. (tip damaged). The first primary of the right wing and the second primary of both wings show only a narrow dark margin inside the white feather shaft. The first primary of the left wing was missing. *Tarsus*; 16 mm. *Tail*; left side of the forked tail 170 mm. (not complete); the outer web of the long retrices is dark grey.

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