

The references list several records of this species from the South-East of the state in recent years. — R. J. WHATMOUGH.

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A WHITE-THROATED WARBLER IN THE SOUTH-EAST

— On 24 October 1978 I visited part of the Piccaninie Ponds Conservation Park in the extreme south-east corner of South Australia. The access road to the park runs through dense coastal scrub to the beach and a side road leads to the lake that gives the park its name. While returning from the junction of these roads to the park entrance, I heard a call consisting of a long series of thin whistling notes of unequal length which descended the scale in quarter-tone steps. Sometimes the sequence was broken, and the previous few notes were repeated, before the scale continued. At the end of the sequence, the last few notes were sometimes repeated after a pause. The whole call would then be uttered again.

After a short search the bird was found, working its way through a tea-tree beside the road and still calling. It was about the size of a Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*, grey above and yellow below with a paler abdomen. Its throat was white and there was a white spot near the bill. A dark line extended through the red eye and down the side of the neck. The bird was observed for several minutes and moved at about eye level, coming as close as five m.

The weather at the time was warm and cloudy with a north breeze. There were many small moths and other flying insects along the road.

From its appearance and call the bird could only have been one of the yellow-breasted warblers, *Gerygone* sp., and all but the White-throated Warbler *G. olivacea* can be eliminated on grounds of distribution.