

Bird Notes.

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A specimen of the Red-winged Parrot (*Aprosmictus erythropterus*) was secured by Mr. Leo Crabb on Pandy Pandy Station, which is in South Australia eight to nine miles from the Queensland border, on 26th September, 1926. He saw 23 in one flock, 13 in another, and some smaller flocks. I have noticed these birds for the past 20 years. They are very plentiful on Innamincka and Coongy Stations and are mostly in pairs or small flocks of six in number. Sometimes they have a red-bellied parrot about their own size with them. I noticed the two kinds feeding together at the Innamincka crossing between the station and the town. They (the red-winged) build in the hollow trees along the watercourses round Coongy and Innamincka. How much further up or down the river they are I don't know. Last month (October) I noticed three small flocks of Flock-pigeons (*Histriophaps histrionica*), all odd numbers—seven, five, and three. An old identity informed me that they were in thousands at Goyder's Lagoon 40 years ago. There are some there now. I have never seen so many young Crows (including parents) as there are at present. They are *Corvus ceciliae* and *Corvus bennetti*. Black-backed Magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) are still mating, also an odd pair of Spur-winged Plovers (*Lobibyx novae-hollandiae*) and Australian Dotterels (*Peltohyas australis*). I have noticed more Australian Bee-eaters (*Merops ornatus*) with the two long feathers in their tails during this year than ever before. By the time these birds reach us the two long tail feathers are usually gone. They arrived about the usual time this year (October). I have heard that these birds nest in the ground about the Bulloo and Culgoa Rivers. The Pallid Cuckoos (*Cucullus pallidus*) have all left here.