

Further Notes on the Species of Birds of Hindmarsh Island.

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The following five species in addition to those in my list in the "South Australian Ornithologist," Vol. IX, Part 1, p. 36, have been noted on the Island :—

Little Quail (*Turnix velox*) were rather common last season and must have nested freely. One nest examined in December, when the grass was dry, contained three eggs. On the mainland near Goolwa a nest built under a tussock had four eggs.

Black-fronted Dotterel (*Charadrius melanops*).—They are not common, although nearly every season they are seen along the River and creeks. Nests have been found in a sand-blow about two miles out of Goolwa, but the eggs were destroyed by foxes. There is every possibility of their nesting on the Island.

Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*) and Freckled Duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*) have been shot on the Island, but I am unable to state whether they still visit the district.

Black-capped Sittella (*Neositta pileata*).—This little bird is amongst the usual visitors, and a few pair nest during the season. In November and December, 1926, three nests were examined. They contained one, two, and three eggs respectively. Two nests were built in the forks of dead sheoaks, and the other was fastened to a dead limb. A small flock of these birds was seen later in the season.

Lorikeets.—Towards the end of January and beginning of February flocks of Lorikeets ranging from seven to twenty individuals were noticed flying eastwards. Some were Purple-crowned (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*), but the others were flying too fast to be identified.

Sparrow.—On 28th January a Sparrow, white except on the wings, was seen amongst a flock of 40 birds. It has been noticed at different times during the last six weeks.

I noted the first Flame Robin (*Petroica phoenicea*) on the Island this year on 25th April, and between 30th April and 16th May I have seen at least a dozen pairs. The flame colour appears to be wonderfully bright on the males.