

By L. Reese, Minnie Downs, North-East of South
Australia (February, 1927).

At Lake Goyder, native name Goolangirie, on Coongy Station I saw about 30 Flock Pigeons (*Histriophaps histrionica*). Since October last these birds have been seen everywhere in this corner of the State, but most of them have now gone away. I saw 109 Brolgas (*Megalornis rubicundus*) and hundreds of Mountain Duck (*Casarca tadornoides*) on the Lake, as well as the usual water birds—five Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), four Straw-necked Ibis (*Threskiornis spinicollis*), four Royal Spoonbills (*Platalea regia*), 97 Pelicans (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*), 20 Pied Geese (*Anseranas semipalmata*), 300 Wood-Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*), 500 Black Swans (*Chenopsis atrata*), 100 Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), 200 Grey Teal (*Querquedula gibberifrons*), two Blue-winged Shovelers (*Spatula rhynchotis*), hundreds of Pink-eared Ducks (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*), two Freckled Ducks (*Stictonetta naevosa*), nine Musk Ducks (*Biziura lobata*). The Cockatoos and Parrots seen there were:—The Pink Cockatoo or Major Mitchell (*Kakatoe leadbeateri*)—A pair were noted; this species is rarely seen there. Hundreds of Bare-eyed Cockatoos (*K. sanguinea*) and Galahs (*K. roseicapilla*); 50 Cockatoo Parrots (*Leptolophus hollandicus*); 40 Red-winged Parrots (*Aprosmictus erythropterus*) and thousands of Budgerygahs (*Melopsittacus undulatus*). There were two other species of Parrots there, which I was unable to identify. I also saw a dozen Tree-creepers (*Climacteris* sp.) and about eight Babblers (*Pomatostomus* sp.). The Lake is a paradise for birds and is well worth a visit.

At Minnie Downs I saw a pair of Channel-billed Cuckoos (*Scythrops novae-hollandiae*) pass on 19th February. A small flood in the Diamantina River would cause them to visit us, as they generally arrive ahead of the flood-water. Budgerygahs (*M. undulatus*) are here in countless numbers. I have never seen them as plentiful as at present. Emu (*Dromaius novae-hollandiae*)—For the first time in my life I saw six Emus with young ones in the middle of summer, though I have heard of them breeding in the hot weather in other localities. The Emu was the only bird I had not observed laying eggs when we got rain, regardless of the time of the year.

[Lake Goolangirie (Goyder) is 64 miles in a direct line north-north-west of Innamincka. Goyder's Lagoon is on the Diamantina River, 80 miles west of Lake Goolangirie.—Ed.]