

By L. Reese, Minnie Downs, North-East of South Australia.

Writing under date of 16th July, 1927, Mr. Reese states:—
“I am sorry to say that the Flock Pigeons (*Histriophaps histrionica*) have all gone away: I was hoping that some of them would have settled here permanently. I saw a few Red-tailed Black Cockatoos (*Calyptorhynchus banksi*) at the eight-mile overflow of the Diamantina, just below the Pandie Pandie boundary. There are very few birds of any sort in the district at present. No doubt the drought is responsible for this, but dry times do not make any difference to the Cinnamon Quail-Thrush (*Cinclosoma cinnamomeum*), as they always appear in numbers. I saw eight Australian Dotterels (*Peltohyas australis*) between the homestead and Miranda. The day was very cloudy, and these birds were anticipating rain, but they made a mistake. I have frequently seen birds in dry country during cloudy weather, but if no rain falls they disappear again.”