

Birds Seen at Pinnaroo.

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A short visit was paid to Pinnaroo from the afternoon of 20th August to the morning of 23rd August. The season had been a dry one, and few plants were in flower, and this probably affected the number of birds. Extensive clearing away of the natural scrub has also resulted in great changes. Thirty-four species of native birds were observed, and two introduced species.

It was interesting to observe the South Australian *Strepera melanoptera* so near the border; it must evidently extend into Victoria, which is only two or three miles away. Most of the Magpies seen were Black-backed, though an occasional White-backed one was noted. This is evidently one of the overlapping areas of the two species, though more within the zone of the former than the latter. Other overlapping areas in this State are between Morgan and Overland Corner, and near Quorn. The birds noted were—*Phaps chalcoptera*, *Zonifer tricolor*, *Uroaetus audax*, *Falco longipennis*, *F. cenchroides*, *Kakatoe roseicapilla*, *Psephotus varius*, *Hirundo neoxena*, *Rhipidura leucophrys*, *Seisura inquieta* (the "scissors note" occasionally replaced by a pleasant series of short notes), *Petroica goodenovii* (♀), *Pachycephala rufiventris* (♀), *Colluricincla harmonica*, *Grallina cyanoleuca*, *Pomatostomus superciliosus*, *Smicromis brevirostris*, *Acanthiza pusilla* (?), *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa*, *Hylacola cauta* (one bird observed for a long time passing rapidly from shrub to shrub along the roadside), *Pardalotus ornatus*, *Melithreptus brevirostris*, *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*, *Meliphaga leucotis*, *M. ornata* (common), *Myzantha* (probably *M. obscura*), *Anthochaera carunculata*, *Acanthagenys rufogularis*, *Anthus australis*, Crow, *Corcorax melanorhamphus*, *Strepera melanoptera*, *Cracticus torquatus*, *Gymnorhina tibicen* (numerous, some with only a narrow band of black), *G. hypoleuca* (only an occasional bird seen), Starlings, and Sparrows.