

## Notes from Roseworthy.

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*Albino Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)*.—This specimen was shot during December, and is a true albino type. It associated with the normal type with no apparent interference from them. This skin is the probably first authentic specimen of its kind recorded in South Australia, and is now in the reference collection of the South Australian Museum.

*Late Nesting of Black and White Fantail*.—On February 2nd I noticed a young bird of this species (*Rhipidura tricolor*) which had apparently but very recently left the nest. This appears much later than the usual breeding time for the bird.

*Peaceful Dove (Geopelia tranquilla)*.—A solitary bird has been about my garden for some days.

*Parakeets*. — Numbers of Purple Crowned Parakeets (*Glossopsitta porphyrocephala*), together with small numbers of *G. concinna*, have been of late devouring honey from the Eucalypts.

*Quail*.—In the two previous years, which were particularly dry, it was almost impossible to find a quail in these parts after the end of the close season, December 21st. This year not only was there a fair number here at the end of the close season, but I have seen specimens within the past few days, that is, the latter end of February. Knowing somewhat of the habits of this bird and its dependence, upon surface water,

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might not this fact indicate that the coming season is to be a more favourable one as regards rainfall? Not only in this immediate locality but in other parts of the lower north country I know that quail are still about and show no inclination to migrate. There is a total absence of the small or button quail (*Turnix velox*), which in some seasons far exceeds the large species (*Coturnix pectoralis*) in numbers.

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