

Additional Records for the Encounter Bay District.

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Dr. Morgan has identified some eggshells found on the ground in a dry semi-swamp as those of *Synoicus australis*, Brown Quail, a new record for the district. A specimen of the Dove-Prion (*Pachyptila desolata*) was found washed up dead on the beach in May, 1929—♂, testes small and black; bill leaden grey, basal half and tubes black; legs bluish grey. In the large oesophagus was a portion of a small octopus (*Polypus pictus*) over three inches long, with the tentacles partially digested. On 19th May, 1929, six Cape Barren Geese (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*) passed over Encounter Bay, making towards the Lakes. The Spinebill Honeyeater (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*), a species listed in the 1924 list as probably occurring in the district, was noted in May, 1929. These bring the total species recorded for the district to 140. Of species already recorded, the Boobook Owl (*Ninox boobook*) was seen in May, and in the same month a Black Swan (*Chenopsis atrata*) was observed in the water at the Inman mouth, and 25 Double-banded Dotterels (*Charadrius bicinctus*) in a flock, and all in non-breeding plumage, were seen on several occasions on the shore. They are slightly larger than the Red-capped Dotterels (*C. ruficapillus*), and the back is somewhat more greenish-coloured.
