

By J. B. Cleland.

Silver Gulls (*Larus novae-hollandiae*), eating small live crustaceans.—At Encounter Bay, in the first week of March this year, small crustaceans ("sandfleas," identified by Mr. H. M.

Hale as sand-hoppers (*Orchestia marmorata*) were abundant, hopping out of the banks of "seaweed" (*Posidonia*) in numbers, especially towards dusk. A Silver Gull, perching on a bank in front of us, was soon busily engaged in catching, or attempting to catch, the small shrimp-like creatures as they alighted. I have not before seen Silver Gulls catching living things.

Swamp-Hawk's Nest in a Cornfield.—I have been told that during last nesting season a Swamp-Hawk (*Circus approximans*) built its nest in Mr. Smith's wheatfield at Encounter Bay. When found, the eggs were far incubated.

King Quail (?) at Mount Compass.—On Saturday afternoon, 5th April, in partly drained swamp just south of the road to Cleland's Gully, two small very dark Quail, "almost black," my fellow-observer remarked, were flushed. These could hardly be anything else than the King Quail (*Excalfactoria chinensis*), which has been recorded previously from this locality.

Ringneck Parrots (*Barnardius barnardi*) at Beaumont.—On 11th April, at Beaumont, on a slightly showery afternoon, two Ringnecks in gorgeous plumage appeared in the white cedar and almond trees. They have probably been about for some weeks, as strange Parrots, not Rosellas, had been seen and heard.