

By Dr. A. S. Randell.

He saw on and about the islands near the Murray Mouth:—  
 On 15th February, 1930, large flocks of Red-necked Stints (*Erolia ruficollis*) and Sharp-tailed Sandpipers (*E. acuminata*), many Curlew-Sandpipers (*E. testacea*) and Curlews (*Numenius cyanopus*). On 8th March, 1930, large flocks of Red-necked Stints and Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, many Curlew-Sandpipers, but no Curlews, and many Marsh-Terns (*Chlidonias leucopareia*), Crested Terns (*Sterna bergii*), and Fairy Terns (*S. nereis*) were seen. On 30th March, 1930, five Greenshanks (*Tringa nebularia*) on the shore-line of the river at Goolwa. On 18th April, 1930, he observed 66 Curlews in one flock on the sandspit opposite Tauwitchere Reef. On 19th April, 16 Curlews were met with between the Murray Mouth and Goolwa. Within 200 yards of the Curlews there were about 20 birds larger than Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, and three of them had chestnut-coloured breasts. One peculiarity was noticed with regard to those birds, that when a bird ran forward a foot or so all the others would follow in unison. On 20th April he secured a Chestnut Teal (*Querquedula castanea*) in the Mundoo Channel, ♀; weight, 1 lb. 4 oz. On this trip just as many Red-necked Stints, Sharp-tailed and Curlew Sandpipers were seen as on the trip 4th to 7th April, described elsewhere, but the Greenshanks were not so numerous. Between 21st May and 25th May, 1930, were noted—four White Egrets (*Egretta alba*) at Ewe Island Creek on 21st. At Tauwitchere Reef, on 23rd, 37 Curlews, 25 White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*), eight Pied Oyster-catchers (*Haematopus ostralegus*), and one Sooty Oyster-catcher (*H. unicolor*). In the Mundoo Channel, on 24th, eight Greenshanks (*Tringa nebularia*) were seen, and others heard, eight Red-capped Dotterels (*Charadrius ruficapillus*) were noted. No Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, Red-necked Stints, Banded Stilts, or Avocets were seen on this trip, but fair numbers of Black and Mountain Ducks and Grey Teal were met with.

The following Ducks were obtained in Ewe Island Creek on 21st May:—Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), ♂, weight, 2 lb. 12 oz.; wing spread, 2 ft. 11½ in. ♂, weight, 2 lb. 12 oz.; wing spread, 2 ft. 11 in. ♂, weight, 2 lb. 8 oz.; wing spread, 2 ft. 10½ in. ♀, weight, 2 lb. 5 oz.; wing spread, 2 ft. 7¾ in. ♀, weight, 2 lb. 4 oz.; wing spread, 2 ft. 9½ in. ♀, weight, 2 lb. 2 oz.; wing spread, 2 ft. 9¾ in. Mountain Duck (*Casarca tadornoides*), weight, 4 lb. 4 oz.; wing spread, 3 ft. 11 in.