

Bird Notes.

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The following is a list of the birds seen whilst on a motor trip from Langhorne's Creek via the Coorong to Kingston in the South-East of South Australia on the 5th May, 1930. When traversing this route two or three months earlier, great numbers of wading birds were seen along the Coorong, but on this trip all had left on their great northern migration, the only exceptions noted being two Greenshanks. It was also interesting to meet the comparatively large number of Flame Robins which were making their western migration. Sixty-nine species were noted:—*Dromaius novae-hollandiae* (Emu)—Two birds dead on the edge of the Coorong; *Phaps chalcoptera* (Common Bronzewing), 2; *P. elegans* (Brush Bronzewing), 3; *Ocyphaps lophotes* (Crested Pigeon), 6; *Fulica atra* (Coot), 6; *Podiceps ruficollis* (Little Grebe), 3; *Phalacrocorax varius* (Pied Cormorant), 1; *Microcarbo melanoleucus* (Little Pied Cormorant), 1; *Pelecanus conspicillatus* (Pelican), 27; *Larus novae-hollandiae* (Silver Gull), 215; *Lobibyx novae-hollandiae* (Spur-winged Plover), 29; *Zonifer tricolor* (Banded Plover), 14; *Charadrius ruficapillus* (Red-capped Dotterel), 217; *Tringa nebularia* (Greenshank), 2 at Wood's Well on 5th and 9th May; *Notophyx novae-hollandiae* (White-faced Heron), 7; *Chenopsis atrata* (Black Swan), 163; *Casarca tadornoides* (Mountain Duck), 5; *Querquedula gibberifrons* (Grey Teal), three small flocks; *Biziura lobata* (Musk Duck), 42; *Circus approximans* (Swamp Harrier), 1; *Accipiter cirrocephalus* (Collared Sparrowhawk), 2; *Uroaetus audax* (Wedge-tailed Eagle), 3; *Haliastur sphenurus* (Whistling Eagle), 4; *Falco berigora* (Brown Hawk), 8; *F. cenchroides* (Nankeen Kestrel), 3; *Ninox boobook* (Boobook Owl), 1, flushed from thick bush; *Glossopsitta concinna* (Musk Lorikeet)—Several lots on the wing; *G. porphyrocephala* (Purple-crowned Lorikeet)—Several lots on the wing; *Kakatoe roseicapilla* (Galah), 4; *Platycercus eximius* (Eastern Rosella), 29; *Barnardius barnardi* (Ringneck Parrot), 6; *Psephotus haematonotus* (Red-backed Parrot), 25; *Neophema chrysogaster* (Orange-breasted Parrot)—A single bird seen on the road 15 miles east of Robe; *Cacomantis flabelliformis* (Fantailed Cuckoo)—One heard calling; *Chalcites basalis* (Horsfield Bronze Cuckoo)—One heard calling; *Hirundo neoxena* (Welcome Swallow), 72; *Cheramoeca leucosterna* (White-backed Swallow), 5; *Rhipidura flabellifera* (Grey Fantail), 2; *R. leucophrys* (Willie Wagtail), 15; *Seisura inquieta* (Restless Flycatcher), 1; *Petroica phoenicea* (Flame Robin), 67; *Melanodryas cucullata* (Hooded Robin), 1;

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Colluricincla harmonica (Grey Shrike-Thrush), 1; *Grallina cyanoleuca* (Magpie-Lark), 26; *Oreoica gutturalis* (Crested Bellbird)—Five birds seen in timber 14 miles east of Robe; *Coracina novae-hollandiae* (Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike), 3; *Pomatostomus superciliosus* (White-browed Babbler), 2; *Epthianura albifrons* (White-fronted Chat), 196; *Aphelocephala leucopsis* (Eastern Whiteface), 1; *Acanthiza pusilla* (Brown Thornbill), 19; *A. chrysorrhoa* (Yellow-tailed Thornbill), 22; *Sericornis frontalis* (White-browed Scrub-Wren)—Many seen around Robe; *Dasyornis broadbenti* (Rufous Bristle-Bird) seen and heard about Robe; *Malurus cyaneus* (Superb Blue Wren), 20; *Artamus cyanopterus* (Dusky Wood-Swallow), 7; *Zosterops halmaturina* (Grey-backed Silvereye), 4; *Gliciphila melanops* (Tawny-crowned Honeyeater), 12; *Meliphaga virescens* (Singing Honeyeater), 8; *Meliornis novae-hollandiae* (Yellow-winged Honeyeater), 19; *Myzantha melanocephala* (Noisy Miner), 4; *Anthochaera chrysoptera* (Little Wattle-Bird), 5; *A. carunculata* (Red Wattle-Bird), 14; *Acanthagenys rufogularis* (Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater), 15; *Anthus australis* (Pipit), 35; *Zonaeginthus bellus* (Beautiful Firetail)—Three seen at Robe; *Corvus coronoides* (Raven), 69; *Strepera melanoptera* (Black-winged Currawong), 15; *Cracticus torquatus* (Grey Butcher-Bird), 17; *Gymnorhina hypoleuca* (White-backed Magpie), 222.

When traversing the same route on 6th July, 1930, only four Flame Robins were seen, and at Wood's Well on the Coorong a flock of 17 Emus were feeding close to the road.