

*Bird Notes.*

By F. E. Parsons.

At Cummins, Eyre Peninsula, from 5th to 10th October, 1930, saw the Shy Ground-Wren (*Hylacola cauta*), Spotted Scrub-Wren (*Sericornis maculatus*), Silver Gull (*Larus novae-hollandiae*), Western Shrike-Thrush (*Colluricincla rufiventris*), Southern Scrub-Robin (*Drymodes brunneopygia*); and at Cowell about dusk, from the jetty, on 4th October, Eastern Curlews (*Numenius cyanopus*) were heard calling.

At Backara, which is 16 miles by road slightly south of east from Swan Reach, in a large patch of mallee scrub, saw six mounds of the Mallee-Fowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) not completed, and three mounds with the tops heaped up. He noted Scrub-Robins, Shy Ground-Wrens, and Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*). A nest of a Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*), when found about 10 a.m., contained one egg, but on passing it again about 2 p.m. there were two eggs.

On 18th November, 1930, on the southern slope of Willunga Hill, in similar country to Mount Compass, he picked up some feathers and the skull of a female King Quail (*Excalfactoria chinensis*), possibly destroyed by a fox.