
Bird Notes.

WHITE-RUMPED OR FORK-TAILED SWIFTS

(Micropus pacificus).

Mr. Reg. F. Richardson, of White's River, near Port Lincoln, writes as follows about this species:—"I first noticed these birds on the morning of 3rd November, 1930, a very rough day with heavy wind squalls from the north-west. On that occasion I should say there were about 30 flying in a north-westerly direction. On 11th March, 1931, also a rough squally day with a north-west wind, I saw these Swifts in large numbers. They were passing in scattered flocks from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., with only short intervals between the flocks. I attempted to count one flock, but, after reaching well over a hundred, I gave it up, as the birds kept on coming and were north and south of me as far as I could see. There must have been many thousands in all. They flew at various heights, some within a few feet of the ground, but all appeared to be travelling direct and in a north-westerly direction. A neighbour about three miles north of my place also noticed the birds in large numbers."