

### Bird Notes.

The Flock Pigeon (*Histriophaps histrionica*).

Mr. Rex McKay, manager of Moolawatana Station, Lake Frome District, S.A., wrote to Mr. J. Neil McGilp on 20th September, 1931:—"Yesterday Jack Clarke showed me a Pigeon he shot in Big Bank, and said he had never seen one like it

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before. He said there was a fair flock of them in the big water-course there, and he had seen them every time he had gone there during the past fortnight. I think they must be Flock Pigeons, but would not be sure, so thought I would inquire. I did not think Flock Pigeons were seen as far south as this. The bird is about the size of a Topknot (Crested Pigeon), and has light brown feathers on the back, blue-grey underneath, brown on the top of the head, white face above and in front of the eyes, and black throat. The beak is black and about three-quarters of an inch long. The legs are black. The tail feathers are blue-grey shading off to black at the end and tipped with white. I am enclosing a tail feather, one from the wing, and one from the back . . . ."

[By the description and the feathers sent down Dr. A. M. Morgan identified the bird as one of the above species. This would appear to be the furthest southern record.—Eds.]

Mr. L. R. Reese, of Minnie Downs, S.A., in a letter to Dr. Morgan dated 1/2/1932, writes:—Flock Pigeons.—One flock of about 500 are still at Cooncherie, that is the only place where I know there are any."