
*SUTTON—Specimens Sent to Muscum.*Some Specimens, etc., Sent in to the South
Australian Museum.

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Erolia acuminata, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.—Mrs. Daisy Bates, of Ooldea, S.A., forwarded the body of a bird which had dropped on the tentfly between 8 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, 8th October, 1931. She mentioned that the bird died as it lay in her hand. The inland natives only called it *dhulbu*, bird, having no name for it. It turned out to be a female of the above species. The stomach was devoid of food, but contained four very small pieces of grit.

Pezoporus wallicus, Ground Parrot.—On 1st June, 1931, a small feather from the tail of a parrot was sent in by Mr. Edward Carrison, of Port MacDonnell, S.A., for identification, with a description that "the bird was the same color all over, about the same size as a rosella, seldom seen, and only a pair at a time, and they live on the ground." It belonged to the above species. On asking for further particulars we were advised that the bird was found just over Glenelg River, Nelson, Victoria, about 25 miles from Port MacDonnell. The species had been seen in the Port MacDonnell district twenty odd years ago, only along the coast, and never more than two together.

In October, 1918, Dr. Morgan after two afternoons' tramp on the flats at the mouth of the Glenelg River, managed to put up one bird of this species (S.A. Ornithologist, Vol. IV., p. 13).

Tyto alba, Barn Owl.—Six pellets were forwarded by Mr. L. R. Reese, of Minnie Downs, S.A. Their contents are given by Mr. H. H. Finlayson, Hon. Curator of Mammalia, as (1) one *Pseudomys* sp. (a native rat) and a mouse; (2) two mice; (3) two mice and a *Pseudomys*; (4) one *Rattus* sp. and a mouse; (5) two *Pseudomys* and a mouse; (6) two mice and a *Pseudomys*. The mice were the introduced species *Mus musculus*.

Tyto alba.—A Barn Owl was sent in on 24th March, 1931, from Smithfield, S.A., where it had died whilst in captivity. Its total length was 33 cm., span of wings 92 cm., and weight 8 ounces.

Ninox boobook, Boobook Owl.—Three pellets found by Miss Joan Cleland at Encounter Bay in June, 1930, were examined by Mr. A. M. Lea and found to contain:—(1) bones of rats

(*Rattus* sp.); (2) remains of a Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) and two mice (*Mus musculus*); (3) remains of a mouse. Fur was in each pellet, but it was unidentifiable.

Eurostopodus guttatus, Spotted Nightjar.—A specimen sent in by Mr. N. Gurr, Clifton Hills Station, Diamantina River, S.A. (522 miles by rail and motor-car north of Adelaide), in February, 1932, belonged to this species, and some feathers handed in on 18th March, 1932, obtained near Coonalpyn, 114 miles south-east of Adelaide by rail, also were referable to the Spotted Nightjar.

Cladorhynchus leucocephalus, Banded Stilt.—Mr. George Dempster sent in a specimen, ♂ immature, obtained on 28th February, 1932, on Younghusband Peninsula, opposite Wood's Wells. The birds were seen in flocks of from 30 to 50, and he saw some 500/600 birds in all.

P.S.—This species did not nest on the island in Lake Callabonna this season as there was no water in the Lake.
