

*Bird Notes.***Bird Notes.**

Notes from Oodnadatta and Edward's Creek.—Mr. H. Simpson wrote on 19th April, 1932:—"The country is looking its best at present after the rain a month or so ago. I have never seen so many Diamond Doves (*Geopelia cuneata*) about as there are at present; large flocks will arise out of the grass as you walk along. Black-tailed Native-Hens (*Tribonyx ventralis*) are in hundreds around the creek banks. Grey Teals (*Querquedula gibberifrons*), Pink-eared Ducks (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*), and Mountain-Ducks (*Casarca tadornoides*) are fairly numerous. Spiny-cheeked Honeyeaters (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*) are common about Edward's Creek and here now. Chestnut-eared Finches (*Taeniopygia castanotis*) are nesting. Nests containing four or five eggs are built everywhere, high and low. An Australian Bustard (*Eupodotis australis*) has been noticed around the town for a week or so. During last year they were very scarce about these parts. An Australian Goshawk (*Astur fasciatus*) and a Fork-tailed Kite (*Milvus migrans*) were shot some months ago in Edward's Creek. The former was trying to get at a Port Lincoln Parrot (*Barnardius zonarius*) which was caged up outside and the Kite was hovering over the fowlhouse. Last week I noticed a Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*), the first for many months. Several small Parrots were seen a few times at Edward's Creek. They were feeding on berries of a species of *Eramophila*. When scared away they would fly around for a minute or two and then swiftly return to the same place. The upper parts of these Parrots were brownish green; abdomens yellow. A flash of blue could be seen on their shoulders when in flight.⁽¹⁾ Another bird I saw, but could not locate in Leach's Bird Book, was about 12 inches long; wings, back, and head dark brown, nearly black; neck and head mottled with buff; wings edged with light buff; tail dark brown, spotted white and buff on edge of feathers; throat, chest, and abdomen light grey; feathers on thighs like a Hawk, and nearly reaching the feet; eyelids yellow. This bird⁽²⁾ flies like a Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*) in a rise and fall flight."

(¹) *Neophema* sp. (²) Female Pallid Cuckoo (*Cruculus pallidus*).—Editors.)