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### Some Specimens Sent into the South Australian Museum.

By J. Sutton.

*Tyto alba*, Barn-Owl.—A bird was sent in by Mr. A. W. Mack on 28th January, 1932. It had been blown by a gale into the windscreen of his motor-car on the previous evening at 10.30 p.m. at O'Halloran Hill.

*Cuculus pallidus*, Pallid Cuckoo.—On 8th April, 1932, a tramway official brought in a bird alive. As he was riding a bicycle at 1 a.m. that morning along Unley Road, near Hughes Street, and when near an overhead light, he saw this bird on

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the tram track. Thinking that it had struck the wires and had been killed, he stopped and picked it up. It made a loud noise—an imitation of the scale-call was given, but he said that was not the call. The bird was either a female or a young bird, with two slightly reddish patches on the right side, and nape, of the neck. It opened its beak at us showing an orange-coloured throat. With the consent of the donor, a window was opened and the bird released. It flew away to the north, apparently all right.

*Accipiter cirrocephalus*, Collared Sparrowhawk.—A specimen was sent in by Mr. W. Cain, Port Augusta, 26th April, 1932, ♀ in immature plumage, the change to the mature dress showing only on the flanks; total length, 36 cm.; spread, 73 cm.; iris bright yellow. The bird was shot whilst hovering over a large aviary.

*Neophema elegans*, Elegant Parrot.—Mr. T. G. Souter, of Kilkerran, Yorke's Peninsula, wrote on 2nd May, 1932:—"I am posting a specimen of a parrot obtained from the same place as those feathers which I sent over a few weeks ago. My friend telephoned me this morning that he had procured another bird, and it was one of a flock of about a hundred on his brother's farm, situated six miles out of Maitland, about north-east of that town. He also told me that he had seen the birds a mile east of Maitland on the Ardrossan road."

*Polytelis alexandrae*, Princess Parrot.—Mr. E. Kyffin Thomas sent in on 6th May, 1932, a ♂ that he had kept in captivity for about 12 years. Its total length was 43 cm.; spread, 56.5 cm.; weight, 96 grammes.

*Grus rubicundus*, Brolga or Native-Companion.—Mr. A. T. White sent in a bird which had died in captivity. Length, from tip of bill to end of tail, 111.2 cm.; from tip of bill to tip of toe, 136.5 cm.; spread, 212.1 cm.; weight, 9 lb. 5 ozs.; iris orange; bill, dull light green; legs and feet, mealy black; tarsus scutellate in front, tessellate behind; "raised fleshy papillae surrounding the ears, and the back of the head fine coral-red, passing into an orange tint above and below the eye, and becoming less brilliant on the sides of the face, which, together with the gular pouch is covered with fine black hairs, so closely set on the latter as almost to conceal the red colouring of the skin (Gould)."

*Elanus axillaris*, Black-shouldered Kite.—A bird was sent in by Mr. T. Brandon, of Wilmington, on 9th June, 1932. Iris red; bill, black; legs and feet, yellow; total length, 54.3 cm.; spread, 88.6 cm.; weight, 253 grammes.