

*Bird Notes.*

*Porzana pusilla* (Little Crake). 24th August, 1932. By J. Sutton.

Iris, red; bare skin around eye, dull orange; bill, green base, culmen and tip dark horn; ear-coverts, brown; legs and feet, dull olive brown; soles, grey.

This bird was obtained in the cultivated paddock at the back of the orchard in the Agricultural College block in Fullarton Road, Mitcham. That paddock is used by the Waite Agricultural Research Institute. The ploughed part was being worked over by an employee with three horses and a harrow. The horses disturbed a bird from the grass near a fence. The bird flew a few feet away and squatted. The employee threw a small lump of dirt at the bird and thought the dirt hit it, as it did not move, so he got through the fence and captured it. This occurred about 4 p.m., and at 4.45 p.m. the bird was given to me. It struggled strongly in my hand as I was carrying it. I placed the bird in a fairly large box, and very early next morning (while it was yet dark) I could hear it knocking against the side of the box. I put worms, crumbs of bread, and water in the box, but it did not appear to have touched them. The bird was released on 25th about 2.30 p.m. by Dr. Morgan near some reeds in the River Torrens. The only water near the place where the bird was captured is half-a-mile away at the small dam in "Urrbrae."

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