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*Bird Notes.***Bird Notes.****Bool Lagoon, S.E., S.A.**

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Letter of 6th November, 1933:—The birds here are nesting now, but have only just begun, as the Bool Lagoon has been flooded, and the reeds have been covered with water. The water was from five to six feet deep at some places in the teatree. I think the Ibis must have become tired of waiting for the reeds to uncover, and are now nesting in a swamp about three miles away from their general nesting site. The water stays in this swamp all the year round, and the reeds, which are never burnt, are from seven to nine feet high. The swamp is known as the Little Bool, and is over six feet deep in places. The White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) now build in the same little patch of

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teatree as the Royal Spoonbills (*Platalea regia*). Little Pied Cormorants (*Microcarbo melanoleucus*) also nest in these same trees, so every tree is loaded with nests.

Letter of 11th December, 1933:—The Nankeen Night-Herons (*Nycticorax caledonicus*) nested in the teatree this season. A Freckled Duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*) was noticed with four young swimming through the teatrees. They were quite close to the observer. A nest of the Blue-billed Duck (*Oxyura australis*) was found containing two young just out of the shell. The parent bird flushed from the nest, and some young also, number uncertain. I have often wondered what the cause of eggs disappearing from nests could be put down to. I have found that water rats, Ravens (*Corvus coronoides*) and Hawks take these, but I have also found another raider of the nests. It is the Blue Bald Coot (*Porphyrio melanotus*). A Royal Spoonbill was noticed to fly from a nest, but because I was observing some other birds, I did not go to the nest. In a short time I heard a bird fly to the vicinity of this nest, but I did not visit the nest for about a minute. When I did so, I found that a Blue Bald Coot had taken the contents from one egg, and had started on another.

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