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The following species were observed in the eastern portion of Kangaroo Island from January to November, 1934. The lagoon referred to is known as "Lashmar's Lagoon," and is situated some 500 yards from our homestead, and is frequented by the waders and water-birds.

The lagoon would take up some seventy acres of land when full, and the deepest place would then be about six feet. It has only once been known to dry up—1914 drought.

The asterisk indicates that the species is known to breed here.

**Eudyptula undina*, Fairy Penguin.—Plentiful around the coasts. They were found breeding near Cape Willoughby under the furze bushes on 15th May. Burrows were in fair numbers—none contained chicks, one had an egg chipping, and many with the usual clutch of two eggs.

**Coturnix pectoralis*, Stubble Quail.—Several birds were seen early in August.

**Phaps chalcoptera*, Common Bronzewing.—Occasionally observed; was found breeding on 2nd June.

Hydroprogne caspia, Caspian Tern.—One bird was seen near the lagoon.

**Sterna nereis*, Fairy Tern.—Occasionally visits us.

Phalacrocorax carbo, Black Cormorant.—One bird at Cape Willoughby.

Cormorants sp.—These birds were on the lagoon in April.

Pelecanus conspicillatus, Pelican.—This species occasionally visits the lagoon. Eight birds were the most noted at any one time. Some stay for a few weeks, whilst others pay a daily visit only.

Larus novae-hollandiae, Silver Gull. Common. Ploughing started on 9th April, and for the first two days three Silver Gulls followed and fed upon the wire-worms turned up. Then each day from the 11th more Gulls came for the food, until on the 14th there were twenty-eight in attendance, some immature birds being amongst the number. In late August and September also hundreds of Silver Gulls followed the ploughing.

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Haematopus unicolor, Sooty Oystercatcher.—A bird was seen on the rocks near Capé Willoughby, on 15th May.

**Lobibyx novae-hollandiae*, Spur-winged Plover.—Large numbers were about in May.

**Zonifer tricolor*, Banded Plover.—Fairly numerous.

**Charadrius cucullatus*, Hooded Dotterel.—Found about the lagoon and the beach at Antechamber Bay.

**Charadrius ruficapillus*, Red-capped Dotterel.

Erolia acuminata, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.—One bird seen on the lagoon.

Himantopus leucocephalus, White-headed Stilt.—One bird was observed, for the first time, on 9th May feeding in the lagoon amongst other waders.

Cladorhynchus leucocephalus, Banded Stilt.—Fair numbers were seen on the lagoon in May.

**Notophoxyx novae-hollandiae*, White-faced Heron.—Very numerous.

**Chenopsis atrata*, Black Swan.—Usually in large numbers on the lagoon. I notice that these birds seem to fly about dusk or at night in preference to the day time.

**Casarca tadornoides*, Mountain Duck.—Occasionally plentiful.

Anas superciliosa, Black Duck.—On some occasions in fair numbers.

**Querquedula gibberifrons*, Grey Teal.—On 21st September I saw two young birds—the first for this season.

**Biziura lobata*, Musk Duck.—Fairly plentiful.

Circus approximans, Swamp Harrier.—Three birds noted about the lagoon.

**Accipiter cirrocephalus*, Collared Sparrowhawk.—This species is often seen.

Uroaetus audax, Wedge-tailed Eagle.—A bird is often observed soaring high up in the air. In November several birds were noted. It was thought they were after our young turkeys.

Haliaeetus leucogaster, White-breasted Sea-Eagle.—On 22nd July a beautiful specimen was sitting on a limb of a dead gum-tree near Chapman's River.

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Elanus axillaris, Black-shouldered Kite.—A bird was observed a few times in July. It has a lazy kind of flight, and hovers in a similar manner to the Nankeen Kestrel.

**Falco cenchroides*, Nankeen Kestrel.—Often seen hovering over the paddocks.

**Ninox boobook*, Boobook Owl.—Very frequently heard and occasionally observed.

**Kakatoe roseicapilla*, Galah.—About five years ago there was only one pair about. Now there is a flock of twenty-eight birds, which frequent the place.

**Platycercus elegans*, Crimson Rosella.—Occasionally noted.

Dacelo gigas, Laughing Kookaburra.—A bird was seen here lately. Probably it came from Willson's (or Hog Bay) River, where it had been for years.

Cuckoos sp.—Two species appear to have been for a time in the district this year, probably the Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), and Horsfield Bronze-Cuckoo (*Chalcites basalis*), but they were not identified with certainty.

**Hirundo neoxena*, Welcome Swallow.—They are always to be met with.

**Rhipidura flabellifera*, Grey Fantail.—Fairly common.

Rhipidura leucophrys, Willie Wagtail.—One bird was seen first in May and a number of times later. Another bird was observed near Cape Willoughby on 27th and 28th June.

**Seisura inquieta*, Restless Flycatcher.—Usually to be seen and heard. A pair nests practically every year near our cowyard. In December, 1933, a brood of three was reared successfully.

**Petroica multicolor*, Scarlet Robin.—A few birds are about. Four young were seen in October.

Coracina novae-hollandiae, Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike.—Occasionally noted.

**Epthianura albifrons*, White-fronted Chat.—About in fair numbers.

**Acanthiza lineata*, Striated Thornbill.—Common.

**Malurus cyaneus*, Superb Blue Wren.—Plentiful.

**Artamus cyanopterus*, Dusky Wood-Swallow.—Common at times.

**Pardalotus ornatus*, Red-tipped Pardalote.—Two birds were frequenting the stables and sheds for two weeks, and finally nested successfully in a hollow in a gum-post in the hayshed.

Zosterops halmaturina, Grey-backed Silvereye. — Very numerous, especially during the fruit season.

**Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*, Eastern Spinebill.

**Meliphaga leucotis*, White-eared Honeyeater.—Plentiful.

Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera, Crescent Honeyeater. — Very numerous.

Anthochaera chrysoptera, Little Wattle-Bird.—Rarely seen.

**Anthochaera carunculata*, Red Wattle-Bird. — Common. Found nesting in August.

**Anthus australis*, Pipit.—Always about; usually in company with the White-fronted Chat.

**Aegintha temporalis*, Red-browed Finch.—Fairly common.

**Strepera melanoptera*, Black-winged Currawong.—Common.

**Corvus coronoides*, Raven.—A nest with five eggs was found on 27th June at Cape Willoughby; breeding freely early in August.

**Gymnorhina hypoleuca*, White-backed Magpie.—Common.
