
*CAIN—Bird Notes from Witchelina Station.***Bird Notes from Witchelina Station, via Farina, S.A.**

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From May to December, 1934, we had no rain-registrations of note, and this year to time of writing, 18th May, 1935; the season has been very disappointing. The only rain received was a fall of seventy-six points in January, and the pasturage condition of the country is exceptionally bad. The bird life is in consequence very scarce. The following species are the only ones to be seen in any numbers:—Galahs (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*), Little Corellas (*Kakatoe sanguinea*), Nankeen Kestrels (*Falco cenchroides*). A number of Wedge-tailed Eagles (*Uroaetus audax*), which have forsaken the cattle country, are paying us a visit, as lambing is in progress. Many of these birds, however, have been destroyed by poison, as they were playing havoc with the lambs and any stock that was inclined to be weak. I have observed several Grey Falcons (*Falco hypoleucus*) lately in my journeyings. One pair has taken up

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residence in a large gumtree near a well which I visit. This species is usually very rare in this country. The early-nesting birds here have not attempted to nest as yet, through the bad season, and I feel convinced that rain in these parts seems to be the controlling factor in this matter.
