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Bird Notes.

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On 5th June, 1935, four pairs of the *Petroica phoenicea*, Flame Robin, were seen in paddocks close to the main road one mile north of Virginia, S.A.

At Port Gawler on 21st July, 1935, three *Cuculus pallidus*, Pallid Cuckoos, were seen, including a pair with one bird chasing the other. Three *Cacomantis flabelliformis*, Fan-tailed Cuckoos, were noted, and one *Owenavis osculans*, Black-eared Cuckoo, was calling most of the time in the scrub.

On 4th August, 1935, three Fan-tailed Cuckoos were seen at Sellick's Beach and one at Hackham.

*Cracticus torquatus*, Grey Butcher-Bird. — A Butcher-Bird was heard calling in the scrub on the side of the road through the Coorong, near Meningie, on 4th September, 1935. On further investigation a pair of the birds was seen—one, presumably the female, was perched about 30 feet away from the other in a low mallee. About every half-minute the male (?) would give a series of loud, rather musical notes or song. Almost immediately the mate would answer with two low, very musical warbling notes not unlike those of a Magpie (*Gymnorhina*). While uttering these notes the bird would raise its head high as if about to burst into song, but no other call was heard, except the warbling notes, although the birds called continuously for about a quarter of an hour.

At Port Gawler and Buckland Park on 7th September, 1935, were seen:—*Numenius cyanopus*, Eastern Curlew, about 200 birds; *Tringa nebularia*, Greenshank (4); *Erolia acuminata*, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (20); *Capella hardwicki*, Australian Snipe (1); *Cuculus pallidus*, Pallid Cuckoo (1); *Cinclorhamphus cruralis*, Brown Songlark (1); *Cinclorhamphus mathewsi*, Rufous Songlark (1).

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