

SUTTON—Additions to S.A. Museum.

Some Additions to the South Australian Museum Collection, etc.

By J. Sutton.

Measurements in centimetres, weights in grammes, except where stated otherwise.

	Sex.	Lngh.	Sprd.	Wght.	
* <i>Lophophaps plumifera</i>	- ♂	22.5	33.8	72	Plumed Pigeon
<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	- ♀	47.3	83.5	939	Eastern Swamphen
<i>‡Pachyptila desolata</i>	- ♀	27.7	61.0	102	Dove-Prion
" "	- ♂	29.2	61.7	94	"
† <i>Pachyptila turtur</i>	- ♀	27.6	56.0	82	Fairy Prion
<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	- ♂	82.7	139.0	1,615	Black Cormorant
<i>Phalacrocorax ater</i>	- ♂	46.0	98.6	1,015	Little Black Cormorant
† <i>Larus novae-hollandiae</i>	- ?	40.1	95.4	270	Silver Gull
<i>Erolia ruficollis</i>	- ♂	16.7	32.1	29	Red-necked Stint
<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	- ?	55.6	133.0	742	Whistling Eagle
* <i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>	- ♂	32.1	44.3	122	Rainbow Lorikeet
" "	- ♂	30.5	44.5	143	" "
* <i>Psitteuteles versicolor</i>	- ♂	20.0	35.5	33	Varied Lorikeet
* <i>Kakatoe leadbeateri</i>	- ♀	39.0	83.0	267	"Major Mitchell" Cockatoo
* <i>Polytelis swainsoni</i>	- ♂	38.1	51.7	105	Superb Parrot
" "	- ♀	32.0	51.0	94	" "
" "	- ♀	37.7	52.5	92	" "
" "	- ♀ juv.	35.2	53.0	102	" "
* <i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>	- ♂	44.0	59.0	165	Rock Pebbler
" "	- ♂	40.0	55.5	113	" "
" "	- ♀	38.5	55.5	104	" "
" "	- ♂	41.2	60.5	141	" "
* <i>Polytelis alexandrae</i> (a)	- ♂	44.1	56.3	118	Princess Parrot
" "	- ♀	41.3	51.5	74	" "
* <i>Platycercus venustus</i>	- ♂	30.0	42.6	83	Northern Rosella
* <i>Barnardius zonarius</i>	- ♀	34.5	46.7	97	Port Lincoln Parrot
* <i>Psephotus varius</i>	- ♂	29.1	38.9	43	Mulga-Parrot
" "	- ♂	29.0	38.8	56	"
" "	- ♀	27.0	35.1	52	"
* <i>Neophema pulchella</i>	- ♀	22.9	33.7	42	Turquoise Parrot
" "	- ♀	19.5	30.6	30	" "
" "	- ♀	22.1	32.1	29	" "
* <i>Neophema splendida</i>	- ♂	21.4	32.7	33	Scarlet-chested Parrot
" "	- ♂	20.4	33.7	37	" "
" "	- ♀	20.8	32.8	29	" "

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* <i>Neophema splendida</i>	- - ♀	20.0	32.7	39	Scarlet-chested Parrot
* " "	- - ♀	18.6	30.6	32	" "
* " "	- - ♀	18.9	31.7	35	" "
* " "	- - ♀	19.4	31.8	29	" "
* " "	- - ♀	20.3	32.7	35	" "
* <i>Neophema bourki</i>	- - ♂	20.7	33.2	33	Bourke Parrot
* " "	- - ♂	33.0	35.6	47	" "
* <i>Neophema elegans</i>	- - ♂	32.0	32.5	37	Elegant Parrot
* <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i> var.	♀	19.9	28.2	37	Cinnamon light-green Budgerygah
<i>Ninox boobook</i>	- - - ?	35.3	75.5	333	Boobook Owl
* <i>Halcyon sanctus</i>	- - - ♀	20.6	30.0	43	Sacred Kingfisher
* " "	- - - ♀	21.2	32.2	50	" "
† <i>Meliphaga penicillata</i>	- - ♀	17.6	25.9	18	White-plumed Honey-eater
* <i>Zonaeginthus bellus</i>	- - ♀	11.9	17.3	9	Beautiful Firetail
* " "	- - ♀	13.0	18.2	12	" "
* " "	- - ♀	12.7	18.2	10	" "
* " "	- - ♀	12.5	17.8	10	" "
* " "	- - ♀	11.5	17.8	10	" "
* <i>Emblema picta</i>	- - - ♀	11.2	17.7	10	Painted Finch
* " "	- - - ?	12.6	16.5	10	" "
* <i>Donacola castaneothorax</i>	- ♀	11.5	17.6	11	Chestnut-breasted Finch
* <i>Poephila cincta</i>	- - - ♂	11.3	19.4	12	Black-throated Finch
* <i>Poephila personata</i>	- - - ♂	13.0	18.9	10	Masked Finch
* " "	- - - ♀	12.0	18.7	10	" "
* <i>Poephila gouldiae</i>	- - - ♂	14.0	20.3	14	Gouldian Finch
* " "	- - - ♂	13.8	20.6	12	" "
* " "	- - - ♂	15.1	21.0	14	" "
* <i>Agapornis pullaria</i>	- - - ♀	15.3	27.8	32	Red-faced Love Bird
* <i>Chrysotis aestiva</i>	- - - ♀	36.2	64.8	343	Blue-fronted Amazon
* <i>Cyanospiza ciris</i>	- - - ♂	14.8	18.8	14	Nonpariel Bunting
* <i>Erythrura prasina</i>	- - - ♂	16.0	17.0	13	Pin-tailed Parrot-Finch
* <i>Irena turcosa</i>	- - - ♂	25.1	36.3	63	Fairy Bluebird
* <i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	- - - ♀	33.0	74.0	270	African Grey Parrot
* <i>Pyromelana afra</i>	- - - ♂	12.3	20.6	17	Golden-headed Weaver
* " "	- - - ♂	12.1	18.3	18	" "

* Died in captivity.

† Found dead.

(a) Between 18 and 19 years old.

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Excalfactoria chinensis, King Quail, 18th January, 1935, died in captivity, two days old, sex ? The colourations were:—Upper surface of head, neck, and body, black; there is a broad central reddish brown longitudinal stripe on the head and neck, and a similar reddish brown lateral stripe on each side of the head above the eye and extending down the back of the neck; on the body are two dorsal reddish brown stripes extending from the neck to the posterior end; the sides of the body are dark with a few lighter mottlings of reddish; the sides of the face and throat are bright yellow; abdomen dusky yellow; the upper breast is olive; there is also a narrow black lateral stripe from behind the ear to the neck; bill, pale red; legs and feet, pale brown; total length, 5.3 cm. Most probably this chick was an offspring of birds imported from Eastern Asia.

Pedionomus torquatus, Plain Wanderer.—On 2nd April, 1935, a bird was captured by Messrs. M. Flannagan and G. Johns whilst out quail-shooting between Mallala and Lower Light, some 30 miles north of Adelaide. A dog pointed, then jumped on the bird breaking both its legs. They were bandaged up, but the bird died in captivity on 7th April. ♀, iris, straw-yellow; bill and feet, yellow; inside mouth, white; total length, 16.3 cm.; wing-spread, 29.0 cm.; weight, 50 grammes. On 11th April, 1935, another bird was caught. One person walked one way and attracted the bird's attention, whilst the other shooter crept up and dropped his hat upon it. This bird was still alive in captivity on 8/10/1935.

Podiceps poliocephalus, Hoary-headed Grebe.—Obtained on Buckland Park, Two Wells, S.A., on 14th February, 1935. Total length, 29 cm.; wing-spread, 48.6 cm.; weight, 282 grammes.

Pterodroma lessoni, White-headed Petrel.—♀, total length, 44.3 cm.; wing-spread, 1019.7 cm.; weight, 430 grammes. This bird was found by Mr. B. C. Cotton, Conchologist at the S.A. Museum, at about 5 p.m. on 13th April, 1935, on the Goolwa sea-beach about half-a-mile from the township. Mr. Cotton searched the beach for miles without finding any other bird. His dog drew his attention to this bird, which had just died as it was in the primary stages of *rigor mortis*. This is the fourth record of the occurrence of this species in South Australia.

Pachyptila desolata, Dove-Prion.—Mr. H. M. Hale picked this bird up at Sellick's Beach on 24th June, 1935. ♂; total length, 28.5 cm.; wing-spread, 62.5 cm.; weight, 84 grammes.

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Sterna striata, White-fronted Tern.—Mr. J. L. Hutton found this bird dead on Sellick's Beach on 4th August, 1935. ♂; iris, brown; bill, black; legs and feet, reddish brown; inside mouth, gape, and tongue, deep orange. On the breast was a very slight rosy tinge which quickly disappeared. Total length, 41 cm.; wing-spread, 76.5 cm.; weight, 133 grammes; wing from carpal joint to tip, 27 cm.; width of wing at carpal joint, 8 cm.; culmen, 4.2 cm.; tibia, 4.5 cm.; tarsus, 2.5 cm.; tail-feathers—longest, 17 cm., shortest, 10 cm. This is the second record of the occurrence of this species in South Australia. The first specimen was obtained by Professor J. B. Cleland on 1st September, 1929, at Encounter Bay. (See *S.A. Ornithologist*, Vol. X., 158, 1930). W. R. B. Oliver in *New Zealand Birds*, 246, 1930, gives the distribution of the species as:—East Coast of Australia, Tasmania. New Zealand—North and South Islands and adjacent islands including Little and Great Barrier and Kapiti Islands, Stewart Island, Chatham Islands, also Snares, Auckland, and Campbell Islands; Macquarie Island (A. Hamilton). Abundant throughout along the coasts. It also occurs inland, being found on Taupo Lake.

Sterna bergii, Crested Tern, Immature, sex ? This bird was found by Mr. Walter Cain at three miles south of Port Augusta on 6th June, 1935. It was floating on the water choked, with a Tommy Rough, *Arripis georgianus*, 4½ inches long half-way down its throat. The bird's body was quite warm when taken from the water. Marks of the meshes of the net were plainly visible on the gills of the fish which had probably been discarded by a fisherman who was working a net near the scene of the tragedy.

Another Crested Tern was found dead on Sellick's Beach on 4th August, 1935, by Mr. J. L. Hutton. ♂; total length, 46.7 cm.; wing-spread, 98.7 cm.; weight, 227 grammes.

Eupodotis australis, Bustard, 8th May, 1935.—Died in captivity at the Adelaide Zoo. ♀; total length, 80.4 cm.; wing-spread, 165.5 cm.; weight, 7 lb.

Grus rubicundus, Brolga (Native Companion).—Three birds were observed for several days about Whyte Yarcowie, S.A., and it was stated they were not known, and had not been seen there before. For identification purposes one bird was shot on 3rd April, 1935, and sent to the Museum. It turned out to be one of this species. From tip of the beak to the tip of the tail, 130 cm.; span of outstretched wings, 227 cm.; weight, 14 lb.

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Astur fasciatus, Australian Goshawk.—♂, imm., 18th February, 1935. Iris, yellow; bill, upper mandible black; lower mandible bluish horn colour; cere, greenish; legs and feet, yellow; toe-nails, black; soles, flesh colour; total length, 44.5 cm.; wing-spread, 82.3 cm.; weight, 328 grammes; stomach contents, bird remains, one leg and part of another, probably those of a Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). This Goshawk was molesting the birds in the breeding cages in the Adelaide Zoo and was ultimately destroyed.

♂, 30th April, 1935. Total length, 42.5 cm.; wing-spread, 83.1 cm.; weight, 280 grammes. This Goshawk was caught in a rabbit-trap on the banks of the River Torrens at Paradise. Another bird of this species was seen near the trap on 1st May, 1935.

Kakatoe tenuirostris, Corella.—Presented by Mrs. A. McLennan, of Woodville, S.A. The bird, ♂, died in captivity on 6th February, 1935, aged 44 years. It came from the Murrumbidgee District, N.S.W., where it was hatched in the spring of 1891. Total length, 39.8 cm.; wing-spread, 87.5 cm.; weight, 572 grammes.

Eurostopodus guttatus, Spotted Nightjar.—The following occurrences are recorded:—(1) The remains of a bird of this species were brought in for identification in December, 1932, by Mr. W. T. Ayling, of Saint Leonards, S.A. They were sent to him from Pimba, S.A., on the Trans-Australian railway line, 280 miles W.N.W. of Adelaide. The sender thought they might belong to a Night Parrot (*Geopsittacus occidentalis*). (2) On 25th September, 1934, "Vox," of "The Advertiser," brought in for identification two feathers of a bird which had been sent along by Mr. C. T. Jacobs, of Carpa, Eyre Peninsula, S.A., 145 miles north-west by west of Adelaide. The sender thought they belonged to a Night Parrot, but they were from a Spotted Nightjar. (3) On 14th January, 1935, the wife of a schoolmaster at Minbalara, nine miles north of Peterborough (140 miles north by east of Adelaide), brought in some feathers for identification. The bird itself had been captured in some scrub a mile further north, and lived in captivity for a week. The feathers were from a Spotted Nightjar. (4) On 27th September, 1935, some feathers of a bird which had been brought into a house by a cat were brought in by Mr. S. E. Terrill, who had identified them as those of a Spotted Nightjar when given to him by Mr. H. Macarty, of

Policeman's Point, near Salt Creek, Coorong, 100 miles south-east of Adelaide.

Malurus cyaneus, Superb Blue Wren.—Mr. H. S. Hodgkinson, of Toorak Gardens, brought in a male of a pair which frequented, and nested in, his garden. He found the bird dead on the ground on 16/1/1935. The pair in 1933 had hatched successfully four broods—three of three each, and one of four. In 1934 two broods of two each were reared.

A ♀ was found on 7/5/1935 by Mr. N. B. Tindale, B.Sc., in the upper part of the Brownhill Creek after a hailstorm which had seemingly killed the bird. Total length, 12.9 cm.; wing-spread, 14.6 cm.; weight, 9 grammes.
