
Bird Notes.

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Several Silver Gulls, *Larus novae-hollandiae*, were seen flying in Hutt Street, Adelaide, in the first week of July, 1935. Dusky Wood-Swallows, *Artamus cyanopterus*, and Red-browed Finches, *Aegintha temporalis*, were noted in the grounds of the Mental Hospital, Parkside, in August, 1935. On 29th November, 1935, a Red-capped Robin, *Petroica goodenovii*, was seen at Beaumont. On 18th December, 1935, a number of Double-banded Dotterels, *Charadrius bicinctus*, were in companies on the strand at Encounter Bay, 63 being counted at one time. One bird

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with only one leg was in full breeding plumage. Had the other older birds left and were the sober-coloured members younger birds not quite mature?*

On 14th December, 1935, at the mouth of the Inman River, a Caspian Tern, *Hydroprogne caspia*, swooped down on several occasions at a dog which was running after and barking at Silver Gulls and the Tern. On the same date fourteen Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, *Calyptorhynchus funereus*, were seen at Victor Harbour. On 11th January, 1936, two Crested Pigeons, *Ocyphaps lophotes*, were disturbed in the scrub near Goolwa. On 13th January, 1936, more than fifty Crows (species not determined) were on the ground in recently cleared land in the upper part of Back Valley, off Inman Valley. On walking over the area, a number of small grasshoppers were disturbed. Presumably the birds had been feeding on these.

* W. R. B. Oliver in *New Zealand Birds*, 286, 1930, states that the eggs are laid from August to November, and the chicks are able to run as soon as they are hatched. The species may probably breed in Tasmania.—Eds.