

### Bird Notes.

Short-tailed Shearwater (Mutton-Bird), *Puffinus tenuirostris*.

Miss Nita O. Thompson, of The Esplanade, Grange, reported that on Monday, 4th May, 1936, from about 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., she saw from the jetty a flight of Mutton-Birds. They were flying due south down the Gulf of St. Vincent, and appeared to come from the north. On this occasion they were not as numerous as in 1933 ("S.A. Ornithologist," Vol. XII, 115, 1933), and flew in batches with sometimes long gaps between. Some of the birds were about 200 yards from the jetty, but the main line was much farther out. Miss Thompson considers she saw a few hundreds in all. Their flight was erratic at times, some birds flying a yard or two up in the air and then diving downward, whilst others appeared to skim the surface of the sea. On inquiry from one of the anglers on the jetty she was informed that the birds had been passing since 10 a.m. On two occasions next morning a single bird, which in each instance was thought to be a Mutton-Bird, passed the jetty flying southwards.

Mr. H. T. Condon.—A flock of about 200 Mutton-Birds was seen travelling southwestwards, and from five to fifteen feet above the water, at 5.50 p.m. on Monday, 4th May, 1936, at Kingston Park, near Seacliff, just before sunset. When first noticed the birds were 200-300 yards from the shore.

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