

Some Additions to the South Australian Museum- Collection, etc.

By J. Sutton.

Measurements in centimetres, weights in grammes.

* Died in captivity. † Picked up dead.

		Sex.	Length.	Spread.	Weight.	
† <i>Eudyptula minor (undina)</i>	-	♂	42.0	32.5	640	Little Penguin
† " " "	-	♀	41.0	30.3	681	" "
* <i>Synoicus australis</i>	- -	♀	18.6	27.8	92	Brown Quail
* " " "	- -	♀	19.7	—	107	" "
* <i>Pedionomus torquatus</i> (a)	-	♀	15.8	33.1	48	Plain-Wanderer
* " " " (b)	-	♀	17.5	35.2	61	" "
† <i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	- -	♀	33.0	58.0	312	Common Bronzewing
* <i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	- -	♂ juv.	24.1	38.0	74	Crested Pigeon
* " " "	- -	♀	35.1	48.0	226	" " "
* <i>Leucosarcia melanoleuca</i>	-	♂	41.0	63.2	266	Wonga Pigeon
<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	-	♂	48.0	85.1	880	Bald Coot
<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	-	♀ juv.	66.5	95.0	1508	Pied Cormorant
† <i>Larus novae-hollandiae</i>	-	♂	43.2	94.1	313	Silver Gull
* <i>Peltohyas australis</i>	-	♂	20.2	43.0	52	Australian Dotterel
<i>Erolia acuminata</i>	- -	♂	22.25	43.75	42	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

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<i>Egretta alba</i> - - - -	♂	89.5	135.3	1157	White Egret
<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	♂	42.4	67.6	247	Pink-eared Duck
<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i> - - -	♂	52.0	128.0	643	Whistling Eagle
<i>Milvus migrans</i> (c) - - -	♀	56.7	131.2	671	Black (Fork-tailed) Kite
<i>Falco longipennis</i> - - -	♀	35.2	78.9	248	Little Falcon
" " - - -	♀	32.2	69.7	247	" "
<i>Falco berigora</i> - - -	♂	44.5	100.0	405	Brown Hawk
* <i>Falco cenchroides</i> - - -	♀	34.0	74.0	128	Nankeen Kestrel
† <i>Ninox boobook</i> - - -	♀	35.8	79.7	329	Boobook Owl
* <i>Troglodytes moluccanus</i>	♀	32.7	46.3	150	Blue Mountain Lorikeet
* " " - - -	♀	32.5	42.5	147	" " "
* " " - - -	♂	34.2	44.3	139	" " "
* " " - - -	♂	34.5	45.0	124	" " "
* <i>Trichoglossus rubritorquis</i>	♂	33.2	45.0	136	Red-collared Lorikeet
* <i>Glossopsitta concinna</i> - - -	♂	23.2	37.4	78	Musk Lorikeet
* <i>Glossopsitta porphyrocephala</i>	♂	18.7	28.8	44	Purple-crowned Lorikeet
* <i>Calyptorhynchus banksi</i> - -	♀	53.3	110.6	325	Red-tailed Black Cockatoo
* <i>Kakatoe roseicapilla</i> - - -	♂	36.8	78.4	330	Galah
* " " - - -	♂	36.0	77.5	326	"
* <i>Polytelis swainsoni</i> - - -	♀	41.0	55.4	112	Superb Parrot (Green Leek)
* " " - - -	♂	40.8	52.5	104	" " "
* " " - - -	♂	41.7	51.5	104	" " "
* " " - - -	-♂ imm.	39.7	50.0	98	" " "
* " " - - -	-♀ imm.	38.0	51.9	91	" " "
* <i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i> - - -	♂	41.7	56.9	105	Rock Pebbler (Smoker)
* <i>Polytelis alexandrae</i> - - -	♂	46.6	50.2	94	Princess Parrot
* " " - - -	♂	48.0	53.8	92	" " "
* " " - - -	♀	40.5	51.5	110	" " "
* <i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>	♀	31.7	56.0	103	Red-winged Parrot
* " " - - -	♀	34.3	62.1	144	" "
* " " - - -	♂	33.1	61.8	120	" "
* " " - - -	♀	33.5	59.8	157	" "
* " " - - -	♀	35.5	60.8	162	" "
* " " - - -	♀ juv.	32.2	56.0	101	" "
* " " - - -	♂	30.6	57.2	115	" "
* " " - - -	♂	30.5	54.3	100	" "
* <i>Aprosmictus scapularis</i> - - -	♂	42.5	61.4	129	King-Parrot
* " " - - -	♂	40.5	61.0	114.5	"
* " " - - -	♂	41.0	60.0	135	"
* <i>Platycercus elegans</i> - - -	♀	36.2	51.6	119	Crimson Rosella
* " " - - -	♂	40.2	53.7	151	" "

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<i>Platycercus adelaidae</i>	-	-	♂	34.5	50.5	130	Adelaide Rosella
"	"	-	♀	36.5	47.5	126	" "
* "	"	-	♂	34.0	47.0	103	" "
"	"	-	-♀ imm.	33.6	47.0	104	" "
"	"	-	♀	36.1	48.8	117	" "
"	"	-	♂	38.0	50.0	136	" "
"	"	-	♂	39.0	53.0	146	" "
"	"	-	♂	33.0	49.8	130	" "
"	"	-	♂	37.3	49.7	120	" "
* <i>Platycercus flaveolus</i>	-	-	♂	34.0	50.4	91	Yellow Rosella
* <i>Platycercus adscitus</i>	-	-	♀	31.9	45.8	84	Pale-headed Rosella
* "	"	-	♀	31.8	44.9	74	" "
* "	"	-	♂	31.1	46.3	72	" "
* "	"	-	♂	33.5	47.0	83	" "
* <i>Platycercus venustus</i>	-	-	♀	29.0	42.9	62	Northern Rosella
* <i>Platycercus eximius</i>	-	-	♀	30.5	44.5	62	Eastern Rosella
* <i>Platycercus icterotis</i>	-	-	♂	29.6	40.5	44	Western Rosella
* <i>Purpureicephalus spurius</i>	-	-	♂	37.5	46.7	105	Red-capped Parrot
* <i>Barnardius barnardi</i>	-	-	♂	38.5	50.0	97	Ringneck Parrot
* "	"	-	♀	35.8	47.8	133	" "
* <i>Barnardius semitorquatus</i>	-	-	♂	33.4	52.5	100	Twenty-eight Parrot
* "	"	-	♀	41.2	54.3	109	" "
* <i>Barnardius zonarius</i>	-	-	♂	38.75	57.5	105	Port Lincoln Parrot
* "	"	-	♂	38	54.3	122	" " "
* <i>Psephotus haematonotus</i>	-	-	♂	29.3	37.8	62.5	Red-backed Parrot
* "	"	-	♀	28.3	37.0	56	" "
* <i>Psephotus haematogaster</i>	-	-	♀	30.9	38.5	62	Blue Bonnet
* <i>Psephotus narethae</i>	-	-	♂	30.5	36.2	61	Little Blue Bonnet
* <i>Psephotus dissimilis</i>	-	-	♀	28.4	37.3	40	Hooded Parrot
* "	"	-	♂	29.0	37.5	42	" "
* <i>Neophema pulchella</i>	-	-	♂	22.5	33.3	36	Turquoise Parrot
* "	"	-	♀	20.7	31.5	27	" "
* "	"	-	♂	22.1	32.5	37	" "
* "	"	-	♀	21.8	30.9	30	" "
* "	"	-	♂	21.7	30.8	43	" "
* "	"	-	♀	21.8	30.8	43	" "
* "	"	-	♂	21.3	32.3	25	" "
* "	"	-	♀	21.0	28.2	29	" "
* "	"	-	♀	21.0	28.7	27	" "
* <i>Neophema splendida</i>	-	-	♂	21.0	33.5	29	Scarlet-breasted Parrot
* "	"	-	♂	20.8	32.6	38	" "
* "	"	-	♀	19.4	31.2	27	" "
* "	"	-	♀	21.0	32.2	22	" "
* "	"	-	♀	20.3	31.5	30	" "
* "	"	-	♂	19.5	31.0	26	" "

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* <i>Neophema splendida</i>	-	-	♂	19.5	30.3	28	Scarlet-breasted Parrot	
* " "	-	-	♂	20.2	31.9	33	" "	"
* " "	-	-	♂	20.0	33.0	28	" "	"
* " "	-	-	♂ imm.	19.5	30.4	31.5	" "	"
* <i>Neophema bourki</i>	-	-	♂	22.0	33.3	41	Bourke Parrot	
* " "	-	-	♀	21.9	33.6	33	" "	
* " "	-	-	♂	23.2	34.2	40	" "	
* " "	-	-	♂	22.2	33.6	47	" "	
* " "	-	-	♂	23.2	35.0	49	" "	
* <i>Neophema chrysostoma</i>	-	-	♂	21.5	32.3	34	Blue-winged Parrot	
* " "	-	-	♀	22.3	30.5	34	" "	
* " "	-	-	♂	23.5	33.0	33	" "	
* " "	-	-	♂	21.6	31.2	30	" "	
* " "	-	-	♀	21.7	32.2	36	" "	
* <i>Neophema elegans</i>	-	-	♂	24.3	33.3	39	Elegant Parrot	
* " "	-	-	♀	22.7	32.0	35	" "	
* " "	-	-	♀	20.0	32.0	31	" "	
* <i>Neophema petrophila</i>	-	-	♂	23.8	34.0	62	Rock Parrot	
* " "	-	-	♀	22.8	33.1	65	" "	
* " "	-	-	♀	22.8	33.8	53	" "	
* <i>Lathamus discolor</i>	-	-	♂	25.9	34.9	36	Swift Parrot	
* <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	-	-	♂	21.3	28.5	22	Budgerygah	
<i>Dacelo gigas</i>	-	-	♀	41.5	69.0	244	Kookaburra	
" "	-	-	♂	45.0	76.5	285	"	
* <i>Halcyon sanctus</i>	-	-	♀	19.5	28.2	28	Sacred Kingfisher	
* " "	-	-	♂	21.3	30.7	30	" "	
* <i>Pitta versicolor</i>	-	-	♀	23.7	40.7	67	Noisy Pitta	
* <i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	-	-	♀ juv.	14.1	28.8	16	Welcome Swallow	
<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	-	-	♀	12.2	20.0	12	White-fronted Chat	
<i>Acanthiza hamiltoni</i>	-	-	♂	12.0	15.8	7	Red-tailed Thornbill	
* <i>Acanthiza reguloides</i>	-	-	♂	10.9	16.6	8	Buff-tailed Thornbill	
<i>Camanthus fuliginosus</i>	-	-	♂	14.2	17.8	18	Striated Field-Wren	
<i>Croitorhamphus mathewsi</i>	-	-	♂	20.0	29.2	40.25	Rufous Songlark	
† <i>Zosterops halmaturina</i>	-	-	♂	11.5	18.0	11	Grey-backed Silvereye	
" "	-	-	♀	11.75	17.25	9	" "	
† " "	-	-	♂	12.1	15.4	9	" "	
* <i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	-	-	♀	14.5	21.0	12.5	Brown-headed Honey-eater	
<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>	-	-	♀	23.5	32.5	40	Striped Honeyeater	
<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	-	-	♂	15.8	19.6	10	Eastern Spinebill	
* " "	-	-	—	14.5	19.0	8	" "	
<i>Gliciphila melanops</i>	-	-	♂	16.8	24.5	18	Tawny-crowned Honey-eater	
† <i>Zanthoniza phrygia</i>	-	-	♀	22.3	32.0	38	Regent Honeyeater	

	Sex.	Length.	Spread.	Weight.	
<i>Meliphaga plumula</i>	♀	16.7	24.5	17	Yellow-fronted Honey-eater
† <i>Meliphaga penicillata</i>	♂	17.7	25.8	21	White-plumed Honey-eater
<i>Meliornis novae-hollandiae</i>	—	18.8	23.4	23	Yellow-winged Honey-eater
“ “	♂	18.3	23.0	20	“ “
* <i>Zonaeginthus bellus</i>	♂	12.2	18.0	12	Beautiful Firetail
“ “	♂	12.1	18.0	11	“ “
“ “	♀	12.2	18.2	11	“ “
“ “	♂	13.4	18.3	11	“ “
“ “	♀	12.2	18.2	11	“ “
“ “	♀	12.2	18.0	12	“ “
“ “	♀	12.0	18.1	11	“ “
* <i>Zonaeginthus oculatus</i>	♂	13.2	17.8	10	Red-eared Firetail
* <i>Zonaeginthus guttatus</i>	♂	12.0	20.1	11	Diamond Firetail
* <i>Emblema picta</i>	♀	12.0	17.2	12	Painted Finch
“ “	♀	11.5	18.5	11	“ “
“ “	♂	11.5	17.5	10	“ “
“ “	♂	12.0	18.2	11	“ “
“ “	♂	11.5	17.5	9.5	“ “
* <i>Aegintha temporalis</i>	♀	12.7	17.8	8	Red-browed Finch
* <i>Bathilda ruficauda</i>	♂	11.4	16.0	9	Star Finch
* <i>Poephila acuticauda</i>	♂	18.0	20.1	11	Long-tailed Finch
“ “	♀	14.1	17.1	13	“ “
* <i>Poephila gouldiae</i>	♂	13.2	20.4	13	Gouldian Finch
“ “	♂	13.8	21.2	14	“ “
“ “	♂	14.7	20.6	13	“ “
“ “	♂	13.4	20.6	10	“ “
“ “	♂	13.5	19.7	11	“ “
* <i>Chlamydera maculata</i>	♂	30.2	45.0	104	Spotted Bower-Bird
* <i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>	♀	28.9	40.8	119	Regent Bower-Bird
* <i>Ptiloris paradiseus</i>	♀	30.5	41.5	104	Paradise Rifle-Bird
<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	♂	51.6	97.4	—	Raven
<i>Strepera melanoptera</i>	♂	55.8	83.1	398	Black-winged Currawong
<i>Gymnorhina hypoleuca</i>	♂	41.0	79.5	323	White-backed Magpie

(a) and (b) *Pedionomus torquatus*. Died 25/6/1937 and 2/7/1937 respectively.—These birds were captured in the Mallala and Lower Light District in April, 1935. One of them is referred to in the S.A. Ornithologist, Vol. XIV, 131, 1935.

(c) *Milvus migrans*.—Was taken at Warrakimbo Creek, about forty miles north of Port Augusta, on 18th September, 1937. Iris, brown; bill, black, with yellow base; legs, yellow.

Stomach contents, some fur and portion of a mutton-chop bone eight centimetres long.

Pedionomus torquatus, Plain-Wanderer.—On 28th July, 1937, this bird was taken near Windsor, S.A., by Mr. P. Johnson. It was in a green barley crop about eight inches high and half-a-mile from the seashore, and was accompanied by two juveniles which were whitish-coloured on the under-side. The bird flushed like a Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*), but was slower in flight than that species, and only flew a short distance. ♀, total length, 17.4 cm.

Hypotaenidia philippensis, Banded Landrail.—This bird was presented by Mr. F. Hanson, of Hanson Road, Woodville, S.A., whose cat had caught and killed it on 3rd July, 1937. ♀; iris, deep orange; bill, pale olive; base, red; legs and feet, red; total length, 30.1 cm.; wing spread, 45.2 cm.; weight, 144 grammes.

Podiceps cristatus, Great Crested Grebe.—This bird was presented by Mr. George Carr. It was caught in a fishing net in six feet of water in the Narrung Channel, between Lakes Alexandrina and Albert, S.A., on 21st June, 1937, about 6 a.m. The right foot was broken at the main joint and the left foot at the second joint, caused evidently by its struggles to escape. ♂; iris, light reddish brown; bill, pinkish flesh-colour, ridge of culmen, dark olive; legs and feet, olive yellow; soles of feet and outer sides of tarsus, olive black; outer edge and centre of toes, dull olive black; inside-mouth, pale flesh-colour; total length, 77.4 cm.; wing spread, 56.3; bill, 5.2; tarsus, 5.8; middle toe and claw, 6.5; wing from carpal joint, 17.9; wing from shoulder to carpal point, 17.0; length and width of lobes of feet—centre 6.4 x 2.4; inner 7.2 x 1.8; outer 5.8 x 1.7; hind, 1.8 x 0.7 cm.; weight, 841 grammes; stomach contents, a ball of vegetable matter and feathers.

Peltohyas australis, Australian Dotterel.—This bird was obtained by Mr. P. Johnson near Dublin, S.A., on 21st July, 1937. It was in a bare paddock with two juveniles just about dusk, and when first noticed it was running. ♂; total length, 21.3 cm.; wing spread, 44.3 cm.; weight, 64 grammes.

Calyptorhynchus lathamii, Glossy Black Cockatoo.—Mr. Harold Lindsay, Eurunga, M.B., Narracoorte, S.A., forwarded three tail feathers for identification in May, 1937. They proved to be one from a male bird and two from a female of this species. He stated that these birds were found only in the Bangham Scrub in South Australia, between Frances and Wolseley, but were not very numerous there, numbers having been shot of late years on account of the way in which they damaged crops.

Collocephalon fimbriatum, Gang Gang Cockatoo.—Mr. Harold Lindsay also advised that this species is sometimes seen along the edge of the scrub between Frances and the Gap. He presumes they follow the timber from the Grampians (Victoria). He has only seen two—both cock birds, and there was no mistaking the cry and the bright red head. Other persons have seen more of the birds.

Pezoporus wallicus, Ground Parrot.—Mr. C. E. Perryman, of Port MacDonnell, S.A., wrote on 24th June, 1937:—"I am enclosing a few feathers of this rare species which were given to me by Mr. D. G. Carrison, who is now an invalid. He found the breast and tail-feathers about three years ago hanging from some burrs at the Deep Creek, five miles east of Port MacDonnell. The lighter tail-feathers were procured about thirty years ago and given to Mr. Carrison, who remembers seeing birds of this species many years ago. . . ."

Biziura lobata, Musk Duck.—A skin of this species was forwarded for identification on 28th July, 1937, by Mr. V. H. Mincham, of Lyndhurst, a siding 392 miles north of Adelaide by rail. The bird, probably a female, was obtained on the railway dam, 100 yards long and seventy wide (when full): Its depth at that date was from ten to twelve feet, and it teemed with aquatic life—water beetles, larvae of dragon-flies, caddisflies, and mosquitoes, and a small species of snail was fairly abundant. From time to time Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*), Grey Teal (*Querquedula gibberifrons*), Whistlers (=Pink-eared Ducks), a White-faced Heron (*Notophoxyx novae-hollandiae*), a Cormorant (sp.), and (in the previous week) three Red-necked Avocets (*Recurvirostra novae-hollandiae*), have been seen on the Lyndhurst dam. The nearest railway dams are Farina, eighteen miles north, and Copley, twenty miles south, and it is believed there is a dam some miles west in Myrtle Springs Station.

Puffinus tenuirostris, Short-tailed Shearwater.—A body of a young bird was sent in on 8th May, 1937, by Mr. H. C. D. Collyer at Brighton Beach. All the flesh had been eaten off the body. He did not see any birds in his patrolling, but on inquiry from the local fishermen he was told that just before 8 a.m. on 3rd May they had noticed, about three-quarters of a mile to the westward, a large number of birds which they reckoned to be Mutton-Birds winging their way southward and keeping close down to the surface of the sea.

The weather was not boisterous during the week before and after 1st May, and although Mr. H. T. Condon and myself visited the seashore during that period, no Shearwaters were seen.