

## Spotted Nightjar,

*Eurostopodus guttatus.*

On 20th January, 1938, a Spotted Nightjar was presented to the S.A. Museum by Mr. G. R. Holme, of Windust, Goolwa, S.A. As the bird was alive it was handed over to the Adelaide Zoo. On its arrival at the Museum it was very quiet and could be handled without the bird making a struggle. The colour of the bird, when squatted, is rusty rufous and light grey on the upper parts. The large eye is a prominent feature and the iris is dark brown. Mr. Holme advised that the bird settled on the ground amongst the grass and bark from trees, and was very hard to see. He mentioned that his father during a residence of seventy years in the Currency Creek district had never seen one before and other local men stated that the bird was new to them. The Nightjar had a marked preference for the place near the trough (Plate VIII). When disturbed it would alight amongst the fallen bark from the mallee trees which bordered the road. As the bird would almost allow a person to tread on it before it took flight, it was very easy to capture. Mr. Holme made a net a yard square of mullet netting stretched on wire with a handle about six feet long and caught the bird at the first try. The Spotted Nightjar was still alive on 8th April, 1938.

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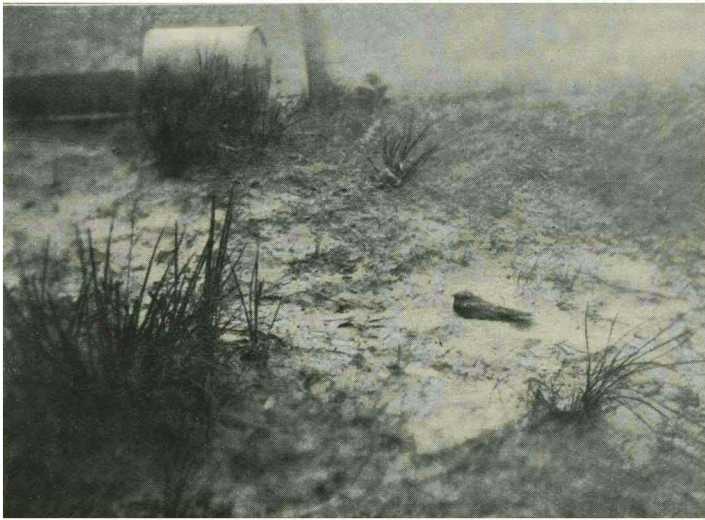


Plate VIII.—Spotted Nightjar (*Eurostopodus guttatus*).