

### Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), Eating Fish.

A pair of Willie Wagtails has been for some time about the garden of Mr. J. Rau, at Wayville. On 28th March, 1938, he noticed one of the birds fly down and pick up from the surface of the water in a fish-pond a goldfish about an inch long. The bird flew with the fish to the stone margin, smacked it there once or twice, and then swallowed it. A potato with feathers stuck in it was rigged up above the pond to frighten the birds, but they are not afraid and examine the scarecrow by occasionally hovering over it.

The eating of fish by this species has been referred to in the "S.A. Ornithologist," Vol. VIII, page, 284, 1926, and Vol. X, page 281, 1930.