

A SOUTHERN RECORD OF THE GIBBER-BIRD
(*Ashbyia lovensis*)

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At present the furthest south locality from which the Gibber-Bird has been reported is "just north of Orroroo," where Dr. A. M. Morgan and Mr. J. N. McGilp doubtfully identified one bird (*S.A. Orn.*, XI, 59, 1931). On 3rd June, 1942, I collected a pair of this species about half a mile south of Sutherlands, S.A. They were on limestone-strewn leyland which had not been cultivated for

about a quarter of a century and which was being ploughed. It was possible to approach within 20 ft. of the birds as they searched for food in the depressions made by horses' hoofs on the fallow. Often they were in the company of Australian Pipits (*Anthus australis*). The skins are now in the South Australian Museum. No other Gibber-Birds have ever been seen anywhere in the Murray Mallee areas.