

## BIRDS SEEN AT WAIKERIE

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- The following species were seen during a visit to Waikerie, 11/1/49 to 21/1/49:—
- Peaceful Dove (*Geopelia placida*).—Fairly common.
- Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*).—Four seen.
- Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*).—Fairly common.
- Black-tailed Native Hen (*Tribonyx ventralis*).—A flock of about 50.
- Dusky Moorhen (*Gallinula tenebrosa*).—Common.
- Coot (*Fulica atra*).—Common on sanctuary.
- Little Black Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*).—Common.
- Little Pied Cormorant (*Microcarbo melanoleucus*).—Very common.
- Australian Pelican (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*).—Common.
- Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias leucopareia*).—One seen. (Very common at Mannum, 11/12/48.)
- Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*).—One seen.
- Silver Gull (*Larus novae-hollandiae*).—Common.
- Red-kneed Dotterel (*Erythronyx cinctus*).—One seen.
- Australian Spur-winged Plover (*Lobibyx novae-hollandiae*).—Common.
- Red-capped Dotterel (*Charadrius ruficapillus*).—Common on the edges of lagoons.
- Black-fronted Dotterel (*C. melanops*).—Common on those shores of lagoons which have patches of reeds, lignums, etc., on them.
- White-headed Stilt (*Himantopus leucophaeus*).—About a dozen seen.
- Red-necked Avocet (*Recurvirostra novae-hollandiae*).—A flock of about three dozen seen.
- Yellow-billed Spoonbill (*Platalea flavipes*).—A flock of 11 seen.
- White Egret (*Egretta alba*).—Two seen.
- White-faced Heron (*Notophoxyx novae-hollandiae*).—Common. One flock of at least 50 seen.
- Black Swan (*Chenopsis atrata*).—Very common.
- Chestnut-breasted Shelduck (*Casarca tadornoides*).—A few seen on the sanctuary.
- Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*).—Very common.
- Whistling Eagle (*Haliastur sphenurus*).—Several seen.
- Nankeen Kestrel (*Falco cenchroides*).—Several seen.
- White Cockatoo (*Kakatoe galerita*).—Flock of over 50 seen.
- Galah (*K. roseicapilla*).—Common.
- Yellow Rosella (*Platycercus flaveolus*).—Several seen.
- Ringneck Parrot (*Barnardius barnardi*).—Common in Mallee.
- Red-backed Parrot (*Psephotus haematonotus*).—Common.
- Mulga Parrot (*P. varius*).—Common in Mallee.
- Budgerygah (*Melopsittacus undulatus*).—Flock of 20 seen.
- Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo gigas*).—A few seen.
- Sacred Kingfisher (*Halcyon sanctus*).—A few seen.
- Rainbow Bird (*Merops ornatus*).—Fairly common.
- Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*).—Fairly Common.
- Fairy Martin (*Hylochelidon ariel*).—Common.
- Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*).—Common.
- Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascians*).—A few seen.
- Red-capped Robin (*Petroica goodenovii*).—One pair seen.
- Grey Shrike-Thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*).—Several seen.
- Magpie-Lark (*Grallina cyanoleuca*).—Common around lagoons.
- Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike (*Coracina novae-hollandiae*).—One seen.
- White-browed Babbler (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*).—Very common.
- Chestnut-crowned Babbler (*P. ruficeps*).—One flock seen. Flocks also seen at Baramera (13/1/49), and Kingston, Moorook and Loxton (17/1/49).
- White-fronted Chat (*Epthianura albifrons*).—One large flock seen.
- Brown Weebill (*Smicronis brevirostris*).—Common in Mallee.

Eastern Whiteface (*Aphelocephala leucopis*).—Common.

Little Thornbill (*Acanthiza nana*).—Common in Mallee.

Chestnut-tailed Thornbill (*A. uropygialis*).—Common.

Yellow-tailed Thornbill (*A. chrysorrhoa*).—Common.

Little Grass-Bird (*Megalurus gramineus*).—Fairly common.

Australian Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus australis*).—Common.

Blue-and-white Wren (*Mdlurus cyanotus*).—A family party seen.

Purple-backed Wren (*M. assimilis*).—Common in bushes and lignums. Also seen at Swan Reach (9/10/48), and Barmera and Mildura (13/1/49).

Black-faced Wood-Swallow (*Artamus melanops*).—Three seen.

Dusky Woodswallow (*A. cyanopterus*).—Several seen.

Brown Tree-Creeper (*Climacteris picumnus*).—Common.

Grey-breasted Silveryeye (*Zosterops lateralis*).—Several seen.

Brown-headed Honeyeater (*Melithreptus brevirostris*).—Fairly common in Mallee.

White-fronted Honeyeater (*Gliciphila albifrons*).—One seen.

Singing Honeyeater (*Meliphaga virescens*).—Very common.

White-eared Honeyeater (*M. leucotis*).—Fairly common.

White-plumed Honeyeater (*M. penicillata*).—Common along river and lagoons.

Noisy Miner (*Myzantha melanocephala*).—Common.

Yellow-throated Miner (*M. flavigula*).—Common.

Red Wattle-Bird (*Anthochaera carunculata*).—A few seen.

Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*).—Fairly common.

Australian Pipit (*Anthus australis*).—One seen.

Zebra Finch (*Taeniopygia castanotis*).—Fairly common.

Australian Raven (*Corvus coronoides*).—Very common.

White-winged Chough (*Corcorax melanorhamphus*).—Common in Mallee.

Pied Butcher-Bird (*Cracticus nigrogularis*).—Several seen.

Black-faced Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*).—Common.

White-backed Magpie (*G. hypoleuca*).—Less common. The two Magpies appear to interbreed.

#### Additional Species Seen on a Previous Visit to Waikerie District (18/4/48 to 2/5/48)

Mallee Fowl (*Leipoa ocellata*), Eastern Swamphehen (*Porphyrio melanotus*), Black Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), Red-necked Stint (*Erolia ruficollis*), Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*), Royal Spoonbill (*Platalia regia*), White-necked Heron (*Notophox pacifica*), Nankeen Night-Heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*), Grey Teal (*Querquedula gibberifrons*), Blue-winged Shoveller (*Spatula rhynchotis*), Australian White-eyed Duck (*Nyroca australis*), White-backed Swallow (*Cheramoeca leucosterna*), Australian Tree-Martin (*Hylochelidon nigricans*), Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura flabellifera*), Restless Flycatcher (*Seisura inquieta*), Hooded Robin (*Melanodryas cucullata*), Golden Whistler (*Pachycephala pectoralis*), Rufous Whistler (*P. rufiventris*), Gilbert Whistler (*P. inornata*), Crested Bellbird (*Oreoica gutturalis*), Chestnut Quail-Thrush (*Cinclosoma castanotum*), Mistletoe-Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*), Yellow-tailed Pardalote (*Pardalotus xanthopygus*), Red-tipped Pardalote (*P. ornatus*), Striped Honeyeater (*Plectorhyncha lanceolata*), Yellow-plumed Honeyeater (*Meliphaga ornata*), Yellow-fronted Honeyeater (*M. plumula*), Black-winged Currawong (*Strepera melanoptera*), Grey Butcher-Bird (*Cracticus torquatus*).

#### Additional Species Seen Recently at Other Places on the Murray

Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).—Swan Reach, 9/10/48; Mannum, 11/12/48.

Little Grebe (*P. ruficollis*).—Swan Reach, 9/10/48; Mannum, 11/12/48; Moorook 17/1/49.

Hoary-headed Grebe (*P. poliocephalus*).—Swan Reach, 9/10/48.

Musk Duck (*Biziura lobata*).—Swan Reach, Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).—

Two pairs, Swan Reach, 9/10/48.

Brown Hawk (*F. berigora*).—Mannum, 11/12/48.

Boobook Owl (*Ninox boobook*).—Swan Reach, 9/10/48; Mannum, 11/12/48.

Blue Bonnet (*Psephotus haematogaster*).

—One pair near Kingston, 17/1/49.

Brown Songlark (*Cinclorhamphus cruralis*).—Kingston, 17/1/49.

Superb Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*).—Mannum, 11/12/48; Kingston, Moorook and Loxton, 17/1/49.

Blue-faced Honeyeater (*Entomyzon cyanotis*).—Moorook, 17/1/49.

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