

PARROTS IN THE ADELAIDE ZOO

In the 70th Annual Report of the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia, the President (Alan Lendon) records the exhibition and breeding of Australian Parrots in the Society's Gardens since records were first kept. Of the 59 species listed in the R.A.O.U. Checklist, there have been 30 successful breeding species, although it is surprising to note that such common birds as the Purple-crowned Lorikeet and all except two species of Rosellas have never produced young. The writer supplies histories of three Ground Parrots (*Pezoporus wallicus*) which were exhibited between 1937 and 1949. The first specimen came from the Melbourne Zoo in 1937, and another from the same source arrived in 1938. In 1940 two birds were obtained from the Port MacDonnell district, but one did not long survive. Two birds were killed by rats in 1944, while the bird obtained in 1938 has since died. No nesting was ever attempted.