

BIRD NOTES

plumage, two of the Plover were conspicuously marked, having the crown, face, chest and belly black. A prominent whitish-yellow frontal band extended back as a broad eyebrow which curved down behind the eye.

Eastern Curlew (*Numenius cyanopus*).—Two only at Outer Harbor, 5/4/49.

Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*).—A small number at Outer Harbor, 5/4/49. One only, Port Victoria, 16/4/49.

Little (Red-necked) Stint (*Erolia ruficollis*).—Large number at Outer Harbor, April 5, 1949, many of the birds with extensive reddish areas on the neck and chest. Plentiful at Port Victoria, April 16 and 17. On July 4, 1949, this was the only species of Northern Hemisphere wader to be seen at Outer Harbor. All members of a flock of approximately 40 Stints were in the pallid, non-breeding plumage.

Curlew Sandpiper (*E. testacea*).—A few at Outer Harbor, 5/4/49. Two only at Port Victoria, 16/4/49.

Sharp-tailed Stint (*E. acuminata*).—A small number at Outer Harbor, 5/4/49.

Pied Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*).—Twenty at Outer Harbor, 5/4/49. Many more, 4/7/49. A few at Port Victoria, 16/4/49.

Sooty Oystercatcher (*H. unicolor*).—One at Outer Harbor, 5/4/49; several, 4/7/49.

Rock Parrot (*Neophema petrophilla*).—A few in samphire at Outer Harbor, March 8, April 4, and July 4, 1949. Large numbers at Port Victoria, April 16 and 17, 1949, where they fed among samphire and other succulents as they were uncovered by the receding tide. Many of these Parrots rested on rocks off-shore, even when they only projected a few inches above the calm sea.

(By Howard Jarman)

Double-banded Dotterel (*Charadrius bicinctus*).—Two birds seen at Outer Harbor, near Pelican Point, on March 8, 1949; about six on April 5, and four on July 4, 1949, at same place. A number were seen at Port Victoria on April 16 and 17, 1949, one flock comprising 15 birds. All Double-banded Dotterels seen on the occasions were in non-breeding plumage.

Hooded Dotterel (*Ch. cucullatus*).—One seen at Port Victoria, April 16, 1949.

Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*).—Several at Port Victoria, April 16 and 17, 1949.

Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominicus*).—About eight at Outer Harbor, March 8, 1949. A flock of 11 in same locality on April 5, 1949. While most were in the dull eclipse