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JUNE 30, 1916.

A monthly meeting was held. Dr. A. M. Morgan presided over a large attendance. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. M. Angel), read an extract from the Government Gazette of June 8, stating that Carlot Lagoon, situated upon the River Murray, above Mannum, was now a bird sanctuary.

Capt. White read interesting notes upon the shell carrying propensity of the Pacific gulls, which had been sent to him by Capt. W. G. Randall of Port Lincoln. A lively discussion took place upon this subject again, and some members were still not convinced that the Pacific gull could carry a live "warrener" (*Turbo stramineus*), Capt. White was requested to make further enquiries. Many bird notes were recorded by members. Mr. J. W. Mellor recorded having seen the young of the white-browed babblers at the Reedbeds early in June. Dr. Morgan stated he had seen two bronze cuckoos hopping about upon the ground after food at Seaton recently. Mr. E. Ashby gave notes upon unusual occurrences of birds at Blackwood. Capt. White stated he had seen the first fan-tailed or brush cuckoos for the season on June 8, and also drew attention to the unusual numbers of Australian orioles this winter upon the Adelaide Plains. Mr. F. Parsons showed bird skins taken at Buckland Park. Amongst them were the allied scrub wren, sacred kingfisher, southern

grass bird, and southern white-eye. Mr. Ashby also exhibited birds from the same district, and gave a short account of the bird life. He also displayed a small collection of bird skins from Western Australia, many of which were rare and interesting. Amongst others were the red-plumed pigeon, Oriental dotterel, rock field-wren, rufous desert-wren. Mr. F. R. Zietz showed a number of bird skins from the museum collection for comparison.

JULY 28, 1916.

A monthly meeting was held, at which Dr. A. M. Morgan presided. Mr. M. Saunders, was elected a member.

Capt. White reported the destruction of swans by the so called aboriginals at the lakes passage, and that action had been taken. A resolution was passed that the Hon. Secretary should write to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and requested him to lose no time in preventing the swans from being killed.

Mr. J. W. Mellor reported having seen a black-backed magpie at Lockleys, and having seen and heard the pallid cuckoo for the first time this season. He also reported the nesting of pied grallinas and white fronted herons at Lockleys. Capt. W. G. Randall was welcomed as a visitor, and he gave some valuable information in reference to the Pacific gulls carrying up shells and letting them fall to abstract the contents. Mr. J. W. Mellor gave an account of a trip he made to Yorkes Peninsula in May last, and remarked that all the waders had left the shores and flats, evidently migrating to their nesting haunts. Mr. Mellor showed some bird skins. Capt. White showed bird skins from Yorkes Peninsula, and a skin of the Australian fairy prion (*Pseudoprion turtur*), which had been picked up in the paddocks at the Reedbeds after record rough weather. Mr. F. R. Zietz drew attention to the great number of silver gulls which had congregated about the Torrens Weir.

AUGUST 25, 1916.

Dr. A. M. Morgan presided over a monthly meeting. Notice was drawn to a letter from Mr. A. F. Furniss of Morphett Vale, suggesting the destruction of sparrows by means of poisonous gases. Members were of opinion that the experiment would be dangerous, and if successful, would not have much effect upon the vast numbers of these birds.

Mr. T. P. Bellchambers had written stating that the black-throated grebe was nesting upon his dam, and they would not allow the hoary-headed species to alight upon the same water, also that the mallee fowl were nesting very early this season.

Mr. Zietz submitted a list of generic names fixed by the International Zoological Nomenclature Congress.

Discussion took place upon the preservation of bird life especially around the newly gazetted reserve at Carlot Lagoon, on the River Murray. The position in regard to their leased lands was explained by Capt. White.

Mr. S. Sanders exhibited a case of mounted birds, and his work was greatly admired. Mr. E. Ashby showed two rare crimson finches (*Neochmia phaeton* and *N. phaeton albiventris*). The following species came in for discussion during the evening:—*Myiagra rubecula* (leaden flycatcher), *M. rubecula ringwoodi* (Victorian leaden flycatcher), *M. rubecula yorki* (Northern leaden flycatcher), *M. rubecula broomi* (Western blue flycatcher), *M. nitida* (Satin flycatcher), *M. latirostris* (broad-billed flycatcher), *M. latirostris kempii* (Cape York broad-billed flycatcher), *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer* (Yellow-breasted flycatcher), *M. flaviventer secundus* (Cairns yellow-breasted flycatcher). Mr. F. R. Zietz showed specimens of these birds from the S.A. Museum collection, Mr. Ashby and Capt. White from their private collections.
