

BIRD NOTES

to the flocking that occurs after the breeding season in many other kinds of birds.

One of the adults eventually settled lengthwise on the limb of a leaning Black Oak tree at a height of about 5 feet from the ground. This behaviour is most unusual for the species and reminds one of the tree-perching habits of some Nightjars in some other parts of the world: for example, the Whip-Poor-Will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) of south-eastern North America.

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UNUSUAL BEHAVIOUR OF SPOTTED NIGHTJARS

It is seldom that more than a pair of Spotted Nightjars (*Eurostopodus guttatus*) and their one offspring of the season are seen in a limited area of a patch of scrub. On February 18, 1964, six birds of the species were flushed in Black Oak scrub, 3 miles west of Bower, S.A. Two of the birds were distinctly rufous-coloured and they were probably juveniles.

This unusual gathering of Nightjars almost certainly comprised two pairs of adults, each pair with their one young of the last breeding season. It is perhaps the nearest approach