

THE WESTERN WHIPBIRD ON EYRE PENINSULA

The Western Whipbird (*Psophodes nigrogularis*) was recorded near Port Lincoln on January 29 and 31, 1966. On the first occasion two birds were heard calling in low sand dunes near Boston Point, eight miles north of the town and on January 31 one bird was heard by Mr. Ray Alcock of Port Lincoln and myself in mallee scrub eight miles south of the town in an area that was razed by bushfires three years ago.

Although no birds were actually seen the

call is quite distinctive and from recent experience with the species at Pondalowie Bay I am confident of my identification. Only three birds were heard, but as the species appears to call infrequently at this time of year it could be plentiful in these areas and perhaps in similar habitat elsewhere on Eyre Peninsula.

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(These records have been included on the map p. 82. Ed.).