
BIRD NOTES

COMMON TERNS AT NARACOOORTE

When looking over an area of small open swamps on the Moy Hall plains on 9/3/65, a group of eight terns was seen resting on a mud bank. A casual glance dismissed them for Marsh Terns, but as some rose over the water and commenced feeding, they were immediately seen to be something different. Closer inspection then, and again two weeks later with J. B. Hood, provisionally identified them as Common Terns (*Sterna hirundo*) and on 3/4/65 a specimen was collected and forwarded to the S.A. Museum.

During February-March, 1964, H. Bakker saw three Common Terns along a drain near Lucindale, and as he knew these birds well in Holland (his home country) his sight record can be accepted as correct.

There is a report of "Little Terns" in the *S.A.O.* Vol. 4 p. 10, but as *Sierna albifrons* does not occur in these parts, this old record could possibly refer to *S. hirundo*.

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