



BIRD REPORT, 1965

INTRODUCTION BY BRIAN GLOVER

In this, the third annual review of bird records for South Australia, it is disappointing to report that a smaller volume of material was received than in 1964, and that relatively few members are sending in complete bird-lists as against reporting only their more unusual records. It was found on reviewing the card index for 1965 that there were very few records of several quite common and widespread species, e.g. Scarlet Robin and Red-browed Finch. Reporting only the more unusual species gives a quite unreal picture of the bird-life of an area. As far as the overall ecology of an area is concerned, it is the common species that are the most important. Although the published Bird Report consists mainly of the more unusual type of record, it is to the card index one would turn for an assessment of a species' true status—and this can only be obtained if complete lists are reported from as many localities as possible. Township, city and suburban lists are of as much importance as those from country areas, for it is by these that we can assess which species are learning to live with man.

It is therefore requested that all members, city and country alike, send us a list of all the species recorded during the year in their home areas, and any areas they visit, with a note on status, etc. Any odd records of rarities and other unusual items should, of course, still be forwarded.

For information on the method of compiling the published Bird Report, and other relevant information, see the introduction to Bird Report 1964 (*S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1965, p. 55.)

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.

Without doubt the most important ornithological event of 1965 in South Australia, perhaps in Australia, was the discovery by members of the South Australian Ornithological Association of the Western Whipbird on southern Yorke and Eyre Peninsulas (see Condon, *Ibid.*, 24, 1966, p. 79, and McNamara, *Ibid.*, p. 93).

Although no new species were added to the State bird-list, there were reports of

several rarely recorded species, e.g. Plumed Tree-Duck, Common Tern, White-throated Warbler, and several waders. No large-scale movements of an unusual nature were reported, although White-necked Herons and Black-shouldered Kites were more numerous than usual in the settled areas, and Yellow-winged Honeyeaters were reported to be in very large numbers.

The number of species reported, 280, was 12 less than in 1964. It is of interest to note that a number of species which one would expect to have been recorded have not yet been reported during the three years that the annual Bird Report has been in operation—e.g. Albatrosses, Little Bittern, Brown and King Quail, Southern Skua, Azure Kingfisher, Spotted Quail-Thrush, Gibber Bird, Grass-Birds (*Amytornis*), Mallee Emu-Wren, Red-lore Whistler, Rufous Tree-Creeper and Regent Honeyeater.

Additional information on birds recorded during 1965 may be found in part 5 of this volume and elsewhere in this part.

INTERPRETATION OF REPORT:—

The Checklist number and nomenclature used are those of H. T. Condon's "A Hand-list of the Birds of South Australia with Annotations" (*S.A. Ornith.* 23, 1962, pp. 85-150) and Supplement (*Ibid.* 24, 1965, pp. 70-76), although some vernacular names have been changed to retain names in common usage (see Editorial, *Ibid.*, 24, 1964, p. 35).

Each locality is followed in brackets by the abbreviation (capital letters without full-stops) of the region of the State in which it occurs.

The observer's initials (capital letters with full-stops) are usually in brackets at the end of the record or following several records by the same observer.

An asterisk preceding the Checklist number signifies that all records received are included in the report.

REGIONS OF THE STATE:—

See map, p. 98.

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Only the first and last initials are used in the report unless otherwise indicated below.

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NOTE: In the previous two Bird Reports a list was included of species recorded but not included in the report. It has been decided to dispense with this in the present report. Any person specifically requiring this list for 1965 should apply to the Editor.

BIRD REPORT, 1964 — CORRECTION

Mr. K. B. Mack has reported that the miners reported by him as Black-eared Miners were actually Yellow-throated Miners. He has no personal record of the Black-eared Miner from the Berri area.

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*7. GREAT CRESTED GREBE.

Buckland Park (AP), one on Nov. 24 (A.L.); Tod Reservoir (EP), 2 on Jan. 10, one on Jan. 24 (D.B.); Winkie Lagoon, Berri (MM), several on Feb. 25 (B.G.); Point Sturt (MM), one on Oct. 10 (J.E.).

*16. GIANT PETREL.

One dead, Goolwa Beach (MM) on July 15 (B.G.); Stenhouse Bay (YP), 2 on July 9 (F.C.).

35. PELICAN.

Lake Merreti (MM), hundreds in Jan. (K.M.); ca. 1,000 on Hart's Lagoon, Waikerie (MM), and 300+ on Winkie Lagoon, Berri (MM), on Feb. 25 (B.G.).

36. AUSTRALIAN GANNET.

Odd birds reported from off AP, MLR and YP coasts (sev. obs.), and 33 at Hardwicke Bay (YP) on Oct. 10 (F.C.).

39. BLACK-FACED CORMORANT.

Lipson Cove (EP), 150+ on Jan. 3, 200+ on Jan. 10 (D.B.).

40. PIED CORMORANT.

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), birds carrying pieces of bush from side of roadway to dead mangroves in saltpan on April 9; some birds sitting on nests, others building, on May 1; adults feeding young in nests on June 16 (M.D.).

*42. DARTER.

Hope Valley Reservoir (AP), one female on Aug. 3 (B.G.); Wellington (MM), one on May 30 (S.A.O.A. excn.).

*43. LITTLE EGRET.

Buckland Park (AP), 4 on Oct. 31 (H.H.).

46. REEF HERON.

Coffin Bay Is. (EP), 2 juvenile and 2 dead young, Jan. 2 (D.B.); Onkaparinga River

Mouth (MLR), one on Feb. 19 (B.G.); Stansbury (YP), one on Oct. 27 (D.C.); Pondalowie Bay (YP), single birds Oct., Nov. and Dec. (sev. obs.); Brown's Beach (YP), 2 on Oct. 8-11 (F.C.); Hardwicke Bay (YP), April 24 (P.B.).

*46A. CATTLE EGRET.

Warramboe (EP), a single bird at same pigsty at which originally recorded in 1962 (see *S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1965, p. 40) (L.S.); Mulgandawa (MM), one with a grazing cow on June 14 (A.L.); and 2, believed to be this species (one was perched on a cow's back), at Brinkley (MM) on June 19 (M.W.).

48. WHITE-NECKED HERON.

A definite influx of this species is indicated by numerous reports of small numbers of birds from AP, MLR, MM and SE.

49. NANKEEN NIGHT HERON.

Although Condon's *Handlist* states that this species is common, only a small number of reports have been received during the last three years. During 1965 reported from MLR, MM and SE only.

51. BROWN BITTERN.

Very few records. A live bird caught near Pt. Lincoln (EP) in Feb. (D.B.), is the first record for Eyre Pen.

52. GLOSSY IBIS.

Buckland Park (AP), 20+ on Oct. 31 (S.A.O.A. excn.); 7 on Nov. 24 (A.L.); and 25 on Dec. 30 (M.D.); Bute (LN), one flew over on Jan. 7 (B.B.); Langhorne Ck.-Milang area (MM), a few records early in year; from October numbers increased, reaching a peak of 500 birds in one flock on Nov. 22; numbers decreased as swamps dried up (J.E.); Milang (MM), 50+ on Oct. 4; common Dec. 12 (M.D.).

53. WHITE IBIS.

See under Straw-necked Ibis.

54. STRAW-NECKED IBIS.

Wellington area (MM), 100+, feeding in a paddock with 40+ White Ibis on May 30 (R.B.); Sections 364 and 365, Hundred of Hindmarsh, County Grey (SE), 8,000+ White and Straw-necked Ibis breeding, Jan. 7 (D.K.); Naracoorte district (SE), 500+ on May 20 (R.D.).

57. BLACK SWAN.

Happy Valley Res. (MLR), 40+ on Mar. 28 (F.C.); normally has a higher swan population than any other metropolitan reservoir (B.G.); Hart's Lagoon, Waikerie (MM), several hundred on Feb. 25 (B.G.); Cobdogla area (MM), 576 on one lagoon on Nov. 28 (S.W.).

59. PLUMED TREE-DUCK.

Naracoorte area (SE)—see *S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1966, p. 96.

*61. CAPE BARREN GOOSE.

Outer Harbour (AP), 2 birds reported by the press and radio during March. They were tame and could be approached to within 25 feet before flying into shallow water. They grazed at times on the lawns of the Royal Yacht Squadron. One bird was killed on or about March 24, possibly by dogs. Last reported March 31 at Pelican Point. (*S.A.O.A. Newsletter*, June, 1965, p. 13.) Lower Murray Lakes area (MM), ca. 20 at Mosquito Point most of year; a few at Paltaloch Plains and 60 at Point Sturt early in year; 2 at Reedy Point and one at Milang in late Dec. (J.E.); Milang, 2 on Dec. 4 (M.D.), and ca. 300 recorded north of Meningie (L.P.).

62. GREY TEAL.

Washpool (EP), 300+ on Jan. 17; Little Swamp (EP), 500+ on March 28 (D.B.); Point Pearce (YP), 200+ on Oct. 22 (F.C.).

63. CHESTNUT TEAL.

Usually far less common than Grey Teal. Kingscote (KI), 30+ on March 14-15 (F.C.); Minlaton (YP), common (K.T.).

*66. BLUE-WINGED SHOVELER.

Millbrook Res. (MLR), one on June 16; Winkie Lagoon, Berri (MM), ca. 6 on Feb. 25 (B.G.); 15 miles east of Mannum (MM), 2 on Sept. 19 (M.D.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), "reasonable numbers" (J.E.).

*67. PINK-EARED DUCK.

Hope Valley Res. (AP), 3 on June 29; Winkie Lagoon, Berri (MM), 50-100 on Feb. 25; recorded Hart's Lagoon, Waikerie (MM), on Feb. 25 (B.G.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), plentiful early in year and in good numbers until October but not many since (J.E.).

***68. FRECKLED DUCK.**

Langhorne Ck. area (MM), one at Poltalloch Plains on Feb. 15; still some about until October (J.E.).

69. WHITE-EYED DUCK.

Numerous in 1963, but very few records in 1964. In 1965 was again plentiful in AP, MLR and MM.

70. MANED GOOSE.

Millbrook Reservoir (MLR), recorded Jan.-June, Oct. and Nov.; max. 100, Feb. and March; Warren Res. (MLR), up to 300 reported by reservoir keeper in March (B.G.).

***72. BLUE-BILLED DUCK.**

Tod Res. (EP), 2 pair, Jan. (D.B.); two miles north of Mannum (MM), 8 on Sept. 20 (M.D.); Poltalloch Plains (MM), one recorded (J.E.).

73. MUSK DUCK.

Happy Valley Res. (MLR), 30+ on March 28 (F.C.), 12 on Nov. 17 (H.H.).

74. BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE.

Numerous records from AP, MLR, lower MM and YP indicate that this species has staged one of its periodic increases in numbers. Fewer records from EP, LN, upper MM and SE.

76. FORK-TAILED KITE.

Southerly records are from Salisbury (AP), one on Feb. 16 (B.G.); Purnong (MM), 3 on Dec. 25 (M.D.); Taillem Bend (MM), one on Jan. 25 (R.G.); Langhorne Ck. (MM), one on Feb. 1, Oct. 6 and 7 (J.E.), and Oct. 11 (H.H.).

80. WHITE GOSHAWK.

Lucindale (SE). (See *S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1966, p. 96.)

***85. WHITE-BREASTED SEA EAGLE.**

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one immature on Oct. 31 (S.A.O.A. excn.); Hopkin Is. (EP), 3, and Thistle Is. (EP), one immature on March 24 (D.B.); Waitpinga Beach (MLR), one on May 22 (M.D.); Morgan (MM), 2 nesting on Aug. 2 (W.M.); Mulgandawa (MM), recorded Aug.-Sept. (R.C.); Stenhouse Bay area (YP), one on Jan. 30, and Pondalowie Bay (YP), one on Jan. 31 (B.G.).

***86. SPOTTED HARRIER.**

Melrose (LN), one on Aug. 28 (B.G.); Cambrai area (MM), one on Sept. 18 (M.D.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), often seen in Spring and Summer (J.E.); Paskeville (YP), one on April 12, Minlaton (YP), one on July 9, Urania (YP), one on Aug. 12, and Maitland (YP), one on Aug. 13 (F.C.).

88. OSPREY.

Apart from one bird near Talia Caves (EP) on Dec. 28 (B.B.), all records were from Yorke Peninsula. Price, single birds, May-June (M.W.); and several reports from the Stenhouse Bay, Pondalowie Bay area. The pair at Pondalowie Bay were nesting (3 eggs) on Oct. 8-11 (F.C.), and were accompanied by a flying juvenile on Dec. 31 (B.G.).

***90. BLACK FALCON.**

Virginia (AP), one on Dec. 17, Riverton (LN), one on Nov. 25 (W.M.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), often seen; nested near Milang; young hatched in August (J.E.); Wilpena Pound (NE), one on Aug. 20 (H.H.).

92. LITTLE FALCON.

A few records from AP, MM and YP. Langhorne Ck. area (MM), often seen but not as often as Black Falcon (J.E.).

***93. PEREGRINE FALCON.**

Marble Range (EP), 2 on March 28 (D.B.); Eden Valley (MLR), 2 on Aug. 23 (R.D.); Para Wirra N.P. (MLR), one on Jan. 2 (G.C.); Wirrealpa (NE), one on Aug. 24 (H.H.).

95. MALLEE FOWL.

Odd records from EP, MM and YP. Pondalowie Bay (YP), mound being worked, Oct. 8-11 (S.A.O.A. excn.).

***99. PAINTED QUAIL.**

Pondalowie Bay (YP), one on Oct. 10 (K.T.), ca. 16 on November 21 (H.H.); Hundred of Warrenben (YP), single birds on four occasions in scrub, Oct. and Nov. (F.C.). There appear to be no previous records for Yorke Pen.

***101. LITTLE QUAIL.**

The only report was of a single bird at "Belvidere," Langhorne Ck. (MM) on Oct. 19 (B.E.).

- *102. PLAIN WANDERER.
A specimen (female) from Mallala, June (T.I.).
- *103. BROLGA.
"Ngeringa," Frances (SE), 3 in April (E.L.); near Bool Lagoon (SE), 35+ on April 17 (N.C.).
- *105. BANDED LANDRAIL.
Coffin Bay Is. (EP), one on Jan. 2 (D.B.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), occasionally brought in by cats, etc. (J.E.).
- *108. SPOTLESS CRAKE.
Wongulla (MM), recorded June 19 (Mc-Namara Family).
109. BLACK-TAILED NATIVE HEN.
Minlaton (YP), very common during wet season (K.T.).
111. EASTERN SWAMPHEN.
100 miles north of Marree (NE), 4 at waterhole alongside railway line (R.G.).
- *113. BUSTARD.
Overland Corner (MM), one on June 12; 3 miles south of Barmera (MM), one on July 1 (K.M.); Langhorne Ck. (MM), one on April 29 (C.C., R.C.); Milang (MM), one on July 10; stayed until Aug. 17, when joined by a second bird; both departed soon after (P.N.).
- *120. GREY PLOVER.
Coobowie (YP), 9+ on Sept. 23, 2 on Oct. 8-11, also recorded Nov. (F.C.); one on Nov. 21 (H.H.); Edithburgh (YP), 2 on Oct. 11 (K.T.).
- *121. PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER.
Thompson's Beach (AP), 2 on March 27 (M.D.).
- *124. DOUBLE-BANDED DOTTEREL.
Poltalloch Plains (MM), a few in March, plentiful in April, and still in good numbers late in June (J.E.).
128. RED-KNEED DOTTEREL.
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), very common during April and May, e.g. 56 on April 9 (M.D.).
- *130. TURNSTONE.
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 on Sept. 26 (J.N.); Coobowie (YP), one on Oct. 8-11 (F.C.).
- *132. WHIMBREL.
Tumby Creek (EP), one on Jan. 3 (D.B.).
- *134. BLACK-TAILED GODWIT.
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 3 on Sept. 26 (J.N.).
- *135. BAR-TAILED GODWIT.
Outer Harbour (AP), 3 on June 20 (B.B.); I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 5 on Sept. 26 (J.N.).
- *136. WOOD SANDPIPER.
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on Feb. 7 (M.W.); Cavan (AP), one on Dec. 21 (B.G.); Buckland Park (AP), 3 on Dec. 30 (M.D.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), reasonably numerous, Oct.-Nov.; up to 11 in one flock; usual numbers rest of wader season (J.E.); Minlaton (YP), 5 on Nov. 21 (K.T.).
- *138. MARSH SANDPIPER.
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on March 20 (M.W.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), one on Aug. 15, becoming more plentiful until Nov. 28 when 80+ were seen. Flocks of 10-40 often seen.
139. COMMON SANDPIPER.
Small numbers (one-4) reported from I.C.I. Saltfields, Old Port River, Outer Harbour and Thorndon Park Res. (AP), Happy Valley and Millbrook Reservoirs (MLR), and Pondalowie Bay (YP), Feb.-April and Aug.-Dec. by a number of observers.
140. CURLEW SANDPIPER.
Langhorne Ck. area (MM), much less numerous than last season; not seen in winter; 200 on Sept. 8, first record for season (J.E.).
- *141A. LONG-TOED STINT.
Snake Is., Langhorne Ck. (MM), one on Nov. 7 (J.E.).
- *143. SANDERLING.
Pondalowie Bay (YP), 27 on Dec. 15 (F.C.).
- *146. JAPANESE SNIPE.
Langhorne Ck. area (MM), some present throughout wader season; up to 9 seen (J.E., J.M.).

*148. BANDED STILT.

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), large flocks most of year (M.D.); St. Kilda (AP), 21 on Sept. 27 (R.B.); Mulgandawa (MM), ca. 200 Aug.-Sept. (J.E.).

*150. SOUTHERN STONE-CURLEW.

Wedge Is. (EP), nest with young, Feb. 14 (N.G., per D.B.); Oodlawirra (LN), one on Aug. 7 (B.G.); Langhorne Ck. (MM), one calling in red gum swamps on May 13 (C.C.).

*152. AUSTRALIAN PRATINCOLE.

Patawalonga Golflinks (AP), one on July 10 (R.S.); Bolivar (AP), one on Dec. 1 (M.D.), Virginia (AP), one on Dec. 2 (W.M.); Parafield Gardens (AP), one on Dec. 21 (B.G.); Manoora (LN), 2 on Oct. 21 (H.H.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), arrived in numbers, Oct. 7; nested on fallow and bare paddocks (J.E.).

*155. ARCTIC SKUA.

Port Lincoln (EP), one on March 24 (D.B.).

157. SILVER GULL.

Coffin Bay Is. (EP), 500+ on Jan. 2; "Nesting (eggs); very unusual—so late and so many" (D.B.).

*158A. WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN.

Langhorne Ck. area (MM), seen frequently until March 21 (3 in part breeding plumage); 4 on Nov. 28, first this season (J.E.).

*159. GULL-BILLED TERN.

Langhorne Ck. area (MM), a few seen throughout year (J.E.).

161. COMMON TERN.

Naracoorte area (SE)—see *S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1966, p. 96.

165. CRESTED TERN.

Coffin Bay Is. (EP), breeding colony of 3,000+ on Jan. 2; estimated young ca. 1,500; Lipson Cove (EP), breeding colony Jan. 10; estimated young ca. 2,000, of which 650 were banded (D.B.).

166. FAIRY TERN.

Coffin Bay Is. (EP), 100 nesting on Jan. 2 (4 young, 76 eggs) (D.B.).

171. BRUSH BRONZEWING.

Records indicate that this is much more common than the Common Bronzewing in the near-coastal portions of EP, MM, SE, and YP.

176. BURMESE SPOTTED DOVE.

Minnipa Research Centre (EP), 2 on July 23 (F.C.). Probably the first record for Eyre Pen.

177. RAINBOW LORIKEET.

Minlaton (YP), 5 in July (F.C.).

185. WHITE COCKATOO.

Ashbourne area (MLR), up to 50, throughout year (J.E.).

*186. PINK COCKATOO.

Minnipa area (EP), 5, Wirrulla (EP), 15 on July 20-23 (F.C.); Mutooroo and Canopus Stns. (NE), 12 on Oct. 3 (K.M.).

187. LITTLE CORELLA.

Flocks of 100 or more reported from Melrose (LN) on August 28 (B.G.); near Port Augusta (LN) on February 7 (R.G.) and Sept. 3 (B.G.), and Waikerie (MM) on Oct. 9 (R.L.); Berri (MM), 6 on Dec. 21 (K.M.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM and adjacent MLR), occurs throughout whole district; flocks of 100 at Belvidere (MM) in Jan.-Feb.; smaller numbers at other times (J.E.); none recorded between Mutooroo (LN) and Murray River (MM) during trips in Oct. and Nov. (K.M.).

*188. LONG-BILLED CORELLA.

"Ngeringa," Frances (SE), 12-50 all year (E.L.); Lucindale (SE), 50+ on Oct. 10 (B.G.).

190. COCKATIEL.

Few records from upper MM, but reported as slightly more numerous than in 1964 in the Langhorne Ck. area (lower MM) during spring (J.E.), and as numerous towards end of year on YP (K.T.). A few other reports, of small numbers, from AP, LN and MLR.

200. BLUE BONNET.

Reported from YP (including extreme south) by several observers; considered common by K.T.

206. ROCK PARROT.

Pondalowie Bay (YP), reported as numerous by several observers (Jan. and Oct.–Dec.).

208. BUDGERYGAIH.

Very few reports (AP, MLR, MM and NE), Hilton (AP), 200 flying NE, Jan. 14 (J. Mc.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), returned Oct. 13 in comparatively poor numbers (J.E.).

211. PALLID CUCKOO.

First reports June 6, Langhorne Ck. (lower MM), (J.E.), June 7, Adelaide Airport (AP) (B.G.) June 27, Blewett Springs (MLR) (M.D.), and July 1, Glossop (upper MM) (K.M.).

*213. BLACK-EARED CUCKOO.

Bolivar (AP), one on Sept. 27 (R.B.); Waterfall Gully (MLR), one on Jan. 3 (R.G.); Langhorne Ck (MM), one found dead, April 11 (K.P.); Milang (MM), one in June (D.S.); Sliding Rock Mine, Flinders Ranges (NE), one on Aug. 18 (H.H.).

214. HORSEFIELD BRONZE-CUCKOO.

Relatively few records.

*215. GOLDEN BRONZE-CUCKOO.

Blackwood (MLR), one banded Feb. 21 (R.S.); Wongulla (MM), recorded June 19 (McNamara family); Sandergrove (MM), one on Oct. 10, Finnis (MM), one in Dec. (J.En.); Furner (SE), one, Oct. 9–11, Mt. Gambier (SE), one on Oct. 11 (B.G.).

223. OWLET NIGHTJAR.

Para Wirra N.P. (MLR), one on March 8 (M.D.).

224. SPOTTED NIGHTJAR.

One Tree Hill area (MLR), one dead on roadside on March 20 (G.C.).

*225. SPINE-TAILED SWIFT.

Mt. Gambier area (SE), 4 on Feb. 23 (R.J.P.G.). Just over the border, at Nelson, Victoria, several were observed on Jan. 28 (B.G.).

226. FORK-TAILED SWIFT.

Many records. On Feb. 2, 4 were seen at Clarence Gardens (AP) by M.D., and 20–30 at Port Noarlunga (MLR) by B.G.; on Feb. 14, parties of 4–7, totalling 47 were seen

over Blackwood (MLR), by C.J.; 7 at Salisbury (AP) on Feb. 21 (G.C.), and a number (usually only one or 2 but up to 20 seen at one time) between 1345 and 1400 hrs. on March 5 over North Glenelg Beach (AP) (B.G.). In the Langhorne Ck.–Strathalbyn and adjacent areas (MM and MLR), there were many reports between Jan. 28 and March 17; also on Oct. 7 and Dec. 12, 21, 22 and 29 (J.E. *et al.*). Frances (SE), 6 during Feb. (E.L.); Minlaton (YP), 14 on Aug. 16 (K.T.).

233. SKYLARK.

South East records were from Furner, singing, Oct. 9–11, and Kingston, singing, Oct. 11 (B.G.).

240. GROUND CUCKOO-SHRIKE.

Several records of 3–12 birds in the Berri and Overland Corner areas (MM), May–July (K.M.); Sliding Rock Mine, Flinders Ranges (NE), 3 on Aug. 18 (H.H.).

242. LITTLE CUCKOO-SHRIKE

Langhorne Ck. (MM), one, several times, Sept. 5–11 (J.E.).

243. WHITE-WINGED TRILLER.

Very few records. Thorndon Park Res. (AP), one male singing, Oct. 19 and 27 (B.G.); Calperum (MM), 2 on Oct. 3 (K.M.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), in moderate numbers (J.E.); Mutooroo (NE), 2 on Oct. 23 (K.M.).

*245. GROUND THRUSH.

A pair nesting between Clarendon and Cherry Gardens (MLR) on Aug. 1 (B.B.); Hardy Reserve, Crafers (MLR), one on Sept. 22 (B.W.); Kyeema N.P. (MLR), 2 on Oct. 10 (H.H.); SE Pine Forests, "not abundant" (C.P.).

246. WESTERN WHIPBIRD.

Southern Yorke and Eyre Peninsulas (see *S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1966, pp. 79–93).

*247. WEDGEBILL.

Stirling (LN), on Aug. 28 was numerous in same area as was recorded in 1953 (*Ibid.* 21, 1954, p. 16) (B.G.); Lake Merreti (MM), 2 on April 22 and May 16 (K.M.); Plumbago Stn. (SE), ca. 36 on Sept. 4–10 (G.F.).

252. SOUTHERN SCRUB-ROBIN.

Reported to as far north as near the Sturt Highway adjacent to the MLR foothills (MM), one in June (R.L.).

*258. ORANGE CHAT.

Two Wells (AP), 8 on Aug. 11 (W.M.); Langhorne Ck. area (MM), one male at "Nappyalla" on Feb. 24, 3 pairs near Dog Lake on Oct. 7 and 17 but not seen since (J.E.); Angas Plains (MM), one on Oct. 7 (V.M.).

260. WHITE-THROATED WARBLER.

Naracoorte (SE), see *S.A. Ornith.* 24, 1966, p. 96.

278. RUFOUS FIELD-WREN.

Pondalowie Bay (YP), a number seen in coastal sandhill scrub (sev. obs.).

281. RUFOUS SONGLARK.

Few records, from AP, LN, MLR and lower MM from Sept. 28 until end of year. One or two wintered along the Bremer River, Langhorne Ck. (MM) (J.E.).

294. PURPLE-BACKED WREN.

Langhorne Ck. area (MM), "Seems more plentiful than usual, especially near Milang, and seen as far west as Finnis." (J.E.)

302. FLAME ROBIN.

First records, Langhorne Ck. area (MM), April 13 (P.H.) and Tantanoola (SE), 10+ on April 15 (R.J.P.G.). Last records Langhorne Ck. area (MM), 5 on Aug. 20 (R.C.), and Webb's Blowholes (YP), one banded on Sept. 9 (K.M.).

317. CRESTED BELLBIRD.

Southern YP, Sept.-Oct. (F.C., K.M.).

328. GREY-BACKED SILVEREYE.

Clare (LN), in moderate numbers in April and June where none had been recorded since May 1964 (K.M.); Wilpena Pound (NE), ca. 6, Aug.-Sept. (H.H.).

*330. PIED HONEYEATER.

Plumbago Stn. (NE), ca. 72, Sept. 4-10 (G.F.).

331. BLACK HONEYEATER.

Sandleton (MM), several on Sept. 19 (B.G.); Plumbago Stn. (NE), one on Sept. 6 (G.F.).

333. SINGING HONEYEATER.

Blewett Springs (MLR), one banded June 26 (M.W.); C.J. had not recorded this species in the area during many visits over the previous two years.

*334. FUSCOUS HONEYEATER.

Berri (MM), last record January (K.M.). (See Bird Report 1964.)

*337. YELLOW-FRONTED HONEY-EATER.

Oodlawirra (LN), numerous on Aug. 7 (B.G.).

340. WHITE-PLUMED HONEYEATER.

Northfield (AP), have become more numerous since the eucalypts planted by the local Council have grown large enough to produce many flowers; previously they were only occasional visitors (D.P.); Mutooroo (NE), 2 on Oct. 3; first seen in area, in lone red gum at least 3 miles from next large tree (K.M.).

342. BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER.

Langhorne Ck. (MM), a solitary bird collected April 3 (J.E.).

351. WHITE-FRONTED HONEY-EATER.

A few reports from the upper MM., Waikerie, Calperum, Sandleton and Portee Stn. (sev. obs.), and Mutooroo Stn. (NE) (K.M.). Langhorne Ck (lower MM), one during Feb. (J.E.).

352. YELLOW-WINGED HONEY-EATER.

Reported in very large numbers in parts of MLR by M.W., who banded 847 (585 being immatures) in two areas (near Adelaide and at Waitpinga) between Aug. 1 and Sept. 11. Large numbers also reported from Tod Reservoir (EP), 100+ on Jan. 10 (D.B.).

354. NOISY MINER.

Flinders Ranges (NE), common, Aug.-Sept.; less common further north, but recorded to as far north as Parachilna Gorge (H.H.).

358. RED WATTLEBIRD.

Recorded to as far north as Wilpena Pound (NE), 4 in Aug.—Sept. (H.H.).

359. LITTLE WATTLEBIRD.

Heard calling at Wudinna and Minnipa (EP), July 20–23 (F.C.). There appear to be no previous records from Eyre Pen.

362. GOLDFINCH.

Further locality records from Eyre Pen. include Coomunga and Tod Res. (D.B.), and Dutton Bay (B.G.). See Bird Report 1964.

*366. BEAUTIFUL FIRETAIL.

Kyeema N.P. (MLR), one, nesting on Oct. 10 (H.H.); Tilley Swamps (SE), 8 in Dec. (K.M.).

367. DIAMOND FIRETAIL.

Reports from EP—Tod Res. (D.B.); MLR—Happy Valley Res. and National Park, Belair (F.C.), and Barossa Res. (B.G.); MM—Chauncy Line (M.D.) and Langhorne Ck area (J.E.); and YP—Minlaton (K.T.).

368. ZEBRA FINCH.

Although Condon's *Handlist* implies that this species only visits southern S.A. in times of drought, records over a number of years indicate a permanent (although possibly small) population in parts of the AP, MLR and lower MM.

371. STARLING.

Loch Hazard, Mutooroo (NE), 6 on Oct. 24, first record for this area by K.M.

372. COMMON MYNA.

Bradford and Kendall Foundry, Kilburn (AP), the maximum number recorded leaving roost was 59 on March 7 (R.B.).

*373. OLIVE-BACKED ORIOLE.

Langhorne Ck. (MM), 2 on Aug. 29 (J.E.).

*375. APOSTLE BIRD.

Cockatoo Valley (MLR), up to 9; first recorded in October; nested. Detailed report submitted to *The Emu* (B.H.).

Mutooroo Stn. (NE), 30 on Oct. 23–24, 4 nests being used for breeding (K.M.).

378. MASKED WOOD-SWALLOW.

Apparently very few in upper MM, but returned to the Langhorne Ck. area (lower MM) in good numbers in mid-Sept. (J.E.).

379. WHITE-BROWED WOOD-SWALLOW.

Apparently very few in the upper MM but returned to the Langhorne Ck. area (lower MM) in large numbers in mid-Sept. (J.E.). At least 10 seen at Sandleton (MM) on Sept. 19 and a number on overhead wires between Pinnaroo and Moorlands (MM) on Nov. 17 (B.G.).

380. BLACK-FACED WOOD-SWALLOW.

Six miles east of Port Broughton (LN), 5 on July 3 (R.B., G.C.); Langhorne Ck. (MM), one on July 7, 6 on July 13; Milang area (MM), 8 on June 16; last recording late August; max. number 10 (J.E.).

382. BROWN CURRAWONG.

A number of records from southern YP; also southern EP.

383. PIED BUTCHER-BIRD.

Lameroo area (MM), one on Oct. 31 (J.E.).

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GREY HONEYEATER:—First S.A. record (specimen), 130 miles WNW of Oodnadatta (NW), June 7, 1965 by Graham S. Cowles—see *S.A. Ornith.*, 24 (1967) p. 147.