

MAGPIE ATTACKING PARROT

At Eden Valley on January 23, 1965, a male White-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) was perched about 30 feet from the ground on an upper branch of a red gum. This particular tree is a favoured gathering place for Red-rumped Parrots (*Psephotus haematonotus*), about 15 of which were perched amongst the lower branches at this time.

A male parrot perched about 2 feet below the magpie took flight and was immediately seized and carried off by the magpie, apparently in its claws. I saw no blow struck by the beak. My observation point was approximately 30 yards from the tree.

The magpie was lost to view when it flew behind a haystack some six or seven hundred yards away and I was unable to follow the outcome.

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