
BURDEKIN DUCK—REPORT FROM SOUTH-EAST

In a letter to Mr. R. F. Brown, dated September 2, 1964, Peter R. Penney, of Mt. Gambier, reported seeing two ducks which he considered to be Burdekin Ducks (*Tador-na radjah*) on a large swamp alongside the track leading to Nigretta Falls, near Hamilton, Victoria, on August 16, 1964. The field description supplied supports his identification.

His companion at the time was Geoffrey Aslin, who saw a bird identical with those above near Glencoe East, in the south-east of S.A. on August 21, 1964. Both observers spent the following day unsuccessfully searching for this bird.

With records such as this one cannot discount the possibility of the birds having escaped from captivity, yet they are too interesting not to be reported.

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