

BIRD REPORT, 1967-68

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This report covers the period July 1, 1967, to June 30, 1968. All records refer to this period unless otherwise indicated. It is recommended that the introduction to the four previous Bird Reports (see below) be read in order to understand the method of compiling, and for comments designed to improve the quality of the material submitted.

Bird Report, 1963—*S. Aust. Ornith.*, 24, 1964, pp. 23-32, 54.

Bird Report, 1964—*ibid.*, 1965, pp. 55-68, 100.

Bird Report, 1965—*ibid.*, 1966, pp. 99-107.

Bird Report, 1966-67—*ibid.*, 25, 1968, pp. 27-45.

The method of compiling this report has been modified somewhat in order to speed up publication, without, however, affecting the quality.

This report, and the next, cover a most unusual period meteorologically, 1967 being an extremely dry year over most of the State, whereas 1968 was exceptionally wet. The comparison between the two reports should be most interesting.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

During the year five species new to the South Australian birdlist were reported, viz. Large Sand-Dotterel (specimen), Dominican Gull (photograph), Bridled Tern (photograph), Little Tern (specimen), and Rose Robin (photograph). A further seven species were reported for the first time since the Bird Report scheme was introduced in 1963, viz. White-capped Albatross, Fleshy-footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Swamp Quail, Little Whimbrel, Great Knot and White-fronted Tern.

Of particular interest were a wide range of Procellariiformes and migratory waders, the first breeding record of the Little Egret, the Masked Plover near Adelaide, Common Terns at Lake Alexandrina, the start of a spectacular invasion by Crimson Chats, and the re-recording of the Western Whipbird in the eastern mallee.

The number of species reported, 314, compares very favourably with the 344 for the 18-month period of the 1966-67 report,

which also included observations from several journeys through the far north of the State.

INTERPRETATION OF THE REPORT

The number preceding the species heading and the nomenclature used are those of H. T. Condon's *A Handlist of the Birds of South Australia*, Second Edition, 1968, although some vernacular names have been changed to retain names in common usage. The number in brackets following the species heading is that of the R.A.O.U. Checklist, 1926, and subsequent supplements.

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 species number signifies that all records received are included in the report.

Square brackets around a record indicate that there is some doubt as to the species reported.

REGIONS OF THE STATE

AP—Adelaide Plains.

EP—Eyre Peninsula.

KI—Kangaroo Island.

LN—Lower North.

MLR—Mount Lofty Ranges.

MM—Murray Mallee.

NE—North-East.

NW—North-West.

SE—South-East.

YP—Yorke Peninsula.

A map showing these regions is included in Bird Reports 1963 and 1965.

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BIRD REPORT 1966-67—ADDITIONS

Some additional records inadvertently missed from Bird Report 1966-67 have been included in the following report. Unless otherwise indicated, all records refer to the period July 1, 1967, to June 30, 1968.

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1. EMU (1)

Ketchowla Stn., via Terowie (LN), common in station country in 1966 (seen every month), usually in groups of 2 or 3; one bird with 6 chicks seen as close as 4 miles to Terowie in dry season (R.D.). Pastoral country north of the Murray River (LN and MM), very few seen during several journeys through (K.M.); Policeman's Point area, Coorong (MM), 3 adults with 7 young and 2 adults with 2 young on March 15 (D.C. et al.); Moolawatana (NE), many seen, including a flock of 20+ (total 50+), Sept.; large influx reported due to good rains (R.A.L.); Stenhouse Bay area (YP), numerous records in 1966; seen in large flocks; chicks recorded on several occasions; a few reported by residents in 1967-68 (K.T.).

13. GREAT CRESTED GREBE (60)

Moorook Swamp (MM), 3 on Sept. 9, 1966 (B.S.); Renmark (MM), one on Oct.

10, 1966 (K.T.). Great Eastern Dam, Lilydale (LN), 2 on Feb. 2 (K.M.); Lower Murray River (MM), a number of records of small numbers between Mannum and Goolwa (sev. obs.).

*15. BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS (88)

Streaky Bay (EP), 2 on March 17 (L.S.); Aldinga Beach (MLR), one on March 31, flying south (S.A.O.A. excn.).

*16. YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS (89)

Goolwa Beach (MM), one dead, August 13, 1966 (J.B.P.); Brighton Beach (AP), one on May 6 (M.D.).

*18. WHITE-CAPPED ALBATROSS (91)

Saint Kilda (AP), one dead on beach, June 5 (B.G.).

- *20. GIANT PETREL (79)
Semaphore Beach (AP), one on Feb. 19, feeding along tide-line (M.D.).
- *21. CAPE PETREL (80)
One flying near West Island, Encounter Bay (MLR), on Sept. 13 (J.B.P.).
- *23. WHITE-HEADED PETREL (77)
Goolwa Beach (MM), one dead on May 25 (J.M.).
- *29. MEDIUM-BILLED PRION (82A)
Coorong (MM), one dead, May (L.P.).
- *31. FLESHY-FOOTED SHEARWATER (72)
Middleton (MLR), one dead, June 7 (D.L., M.L., R.L.).
- [*32. SOOTY SHEARWATER (70)
Coorong Beach (MM), a skeleton with some feathers, May; tentatively identified at S.A. Museum as this species (R.C.).]
33. SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (71)
Streaky Bay (EP), from March 3 to May 2, were observed to fly south in the mornings and north in the evenings; numbers counted varied from 60 to 200 every 15 minutes; this seems to be a pre-migratory movement, but local fishermen believe some stay all year round (L.S.). The autumnal migration of this species often coincides with stormy weather, which accounts for odd birds being found miles inland, e.g. 2 at Elizabeth South (AP) on April 31 and one at Paradise (AP) on May 2 (R.B.); on the east coast of St. Vincent Gulf large numbers were reported flying south from April 21—Brighton (AP), constant stream about quarter mile offshore between 1600 and 1630 hours, at a rate of about 20 per minute (E.N.) and Moana (MLR), flying south continuously all day (M.D.)—until May 2—Pt. Willunga (MLR), flying south continuously all day (M.D.). Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), several flying over sewage treatment stabilization lagoons on May 2 (B.G.). Dead birds reported from several beaches during May.
- *35. FLUTTERING SHEARWATER (68)
Coorong Beach (MM), one skull, May, identified at S.A. Museum (R.C.).
- *36. WILSON STORM-PETREL (63)
Encounter Bay (MLR), one on June 2 (H.E.).
40. PELICAN (106)
Whidbey Point, Coffin Peninsula (EP), very numerous off, July 5 (D.B.); Venus Bay (EP), appeared to have bred on Islands 'A', 'B' and 'C'; 5 nests with a total of 7 eggs still in use on Sept. 20; Jones Is., Baird Bay (EP), it appeared that ca. 10 pairs had bred; there were a few dead young about nests, 2 large juveniles unable to fly, and 2 flying immature birds (J.S.).
45. LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT (97)
Salt Lagoon (MM), ca. 5,000 nesting, Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).
46. BLACK-FACED CORMORANT (98)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 flying over, Feb. 9 (B.G.); Eyre and Yorke Peninsula islands, 2,000 banded (M.W.); Baudin Rocks (SE)—see *S. Aust. Ornith.* 25, 1968, p. 4.
47. PIED CORMORANT (99)
Port Gawler (AP), Port Broughton (LN) and Price (YP), 8,000 banded (MW); Lock 2, Murray River (MM), breeding on dead red gums, November (K.M.).
48. LITTLE PIED CORMORANT (100)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 250+ on May 24 (B.G.); Salt Lagoon (MM), ca. 5,000 nesting, Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).
- *51. DARTER (101)
Happy Valley Res. (MLR), one on Sept. 20; Millbrook Res. (MLR), one on Sept. 25 (B.G.); Nor-West Bend (MM), one on May 29 (K.M.).
54. WHITE-NECKED HERON (189)
Very few records. L. Alexandrina and adjacent swamps (MM), only odd birds present in early spring (H.E.).
- *55. CATTLE EGRET (184A)
Finniss (MM), one on April 16, 2 or 3 in June (C.E.).
56. LITTLE EGRET (185)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 12 on Aug. 14, 1966 (M.D.). Odd birds from July to Dec., increasing to at least 14 during May (J.M.B., M.D., B.G.); Outer Harbor (AP), one on Aug. 28 (M.D.); Dog Lake (MM), one on Oct. 11, Murray Mouth and Goolwa Barrage (MM), seen several times from Feb. to April (H.E.); Salt Lagoon (MM), nest with one egg, Nov. 19, first known nesting record for Sth. Aust. (J.M.B.).

*57. PLUMED EGRET (186)

Salt Lagoon (MM), recorded Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).

58. WHITE EGRET (187).

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 24 on May 24; smaller numbers usually present (B.G.); Salt Lagoon (MM), more numerous than in previous years, ca. 100 pairs nesting along the greater part of the eastern side of the island amongst the nests of the Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants and Glossy Ibis. The nests were not inspected and no young were seen, Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).

59. REEF HERON (191)

'B' Island, Venus Bay (EP), one on Sept. 20, carrying sticks as if nest building (P.M.); other records from Hallett Cove (MLR), Baudin Rocks (SE) and Pondalowie Bay (YP) (sev. obs.).

60. NANKEEN NIGHT HERON (192)

Salt Lagoon (MM), ca. 100 in the area but nesting colony not searched, Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).

63. WHITE IBIS (179)

Furner (SE), 100 on May 22, 1966, feeding with 100 Straw-necked Ibis (R.D.); Bolivar (AP), usually a few, maxima 70 on July 17, 100+ on Dec. 15, 40+ on April 23, and ca. 100 on May 9 (B.G.); Salt Lagoon (MM), 300 birds, Nov. 19; nesting areas not inspected but many flightless immatures seen (J.M.B.).

64. STRAW-NECKED IBIS (180)

Kenton Valley (MLR), 150+ on Jan. 8 (D.A.L.); Salt Lagoon (MM), more numerous than previous years and at least 1,000 nesting; one colony inspected from a distance showed large numbers of half-grown birds; every lignum bush big enough to carry a nest was used by these birds (J.M.B.); Wellington (MM), 560 banded, Oct. 28 to Dec. 2 (1,800 banded last year) (M.W.)—see *S.A.O.A. Newsletter*, Dec. 1967, p. 13.

66. GLOSSY IBIS (178)

Big Swamp (lower EP), 8 from Oct. 22 for 3 weeks (F.N.); L. Alexandrina (MM), occasional flocks of up to 15-20 until early Dec., then not sighted again until 8 in late June (H.E.); Wellington (MM), only 4 nests, with eggs, Oct. 28 to Dec. 2 (180 banded last year) (M.W.); Salt Lagoon (MM), on Nov. 19 almost 30 flocks of 6 to 30 birds were seen flying onto the island,

total ca. 300; three nests seen when a tree was climbed to inspect the nest of the Little Egret, each contained three eggs; birds first noted in this area about four weeks previously by Mr. J. Edkins (J.M.B.); a few other records from lower MM (sev. obs.); Aroona Dam (NE), one on Aug. 30 (J.B.P.).

67. ROYAL SPOONBILL (181)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), flocks of 50+ recorded during July, April and May (B.G.); Wellington (MM), 300 nesting, Oct. 28 to Dec. 2; more than usual; only 40 last year (M.W.); Salt Lagoon (MM), more numerous than in previous years; 150 seen on Nov. 19; some nests contained almost mature young (J.M.B.).

68. YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL (182)

Salt Lagoon (MM), 100 on Nov. 19; the only nest closely inspected contained two eggs, but many were seen to contain two almost mature young (J.M.B.).

79. CAPE BARREN GOOSE (198)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), one on Jan. 28 (B.G.); Pt. Lincoln area (EP), 14 on Jan. 22, 1967 (K.T.); Spilsby Is. (EP), 21, and Sibsey Is (EP), 26 on July 26 (D.B.); Waldergrave Is. (EP), 60+ young birds and a nest with 3 eggs, Sept. 21 (P.M.); Little Lagoon, near Pt. Lincoln (EP), 41 on Jan. 1 (R.A.); Reevesby Is. (EP), 30 on Jan. 1 (R.A.); Winceby Is. (EP), 2 with nest and 5 eggs, May 14 (D.C.); Mosquito Point (MM), 40-50 present until about March, only 6-12 after that; 4 white-collared (i.e. banded) birds in March (H.E.); Waltowa (MM), 'numbers' seen during summer (L.P.).

80. BLACK SWAN (203)

Big Swamp (EP), 60+ on Oct. 22; 19 nests counted (F.N.).

*82. FRECKLED DUCK (214)

Waikerie area (MM), no personal record for many years but a pair with 3 young reported from Woolpunda on Nov. 19 by Mr. A. W. Lord (K.M.); Mosquito Point (MM), 20 or more present Feb. and March (H.E.).

83. CHESTNUT-BREADED SHELL-DUCK (207)

Moorook swamps (MM), ca. 60 on Sept. 9, 1966 (B.S.); Poltalloch Stn. (MM), 40 feeding in a stubble paddock, Feb. 12, 1966 (M.D.); Waikerie area (MM), up to 300

at Ramco Lagoon and up to 100 on Hart's Lagoon from late Feb. until at least early April; many still at Ramco Lagoon at end of June (K.M.); *L. Alexandrina* area (MM), only really plentiful at Mosquito Point in March and April, but some present at all times. (H.E.); Kingston (SE), 400+ feeding on an open swamp with Black Swans and Straw-necked Ibis, Sept. 29 (M.D.).

— Ruddy Shelduck

Mosquito Point (MM), one, presumably an escapee, on April 15 (H.E. et al.) and April 18 (H.E.).

84. BLACK DUCK (208).

Metropolitan Reservoirs (AP, MLR), flocks of up to 90 on several reservoirs, Jan. to March (B.G.); Waikerie area (MM), very scarce this year (K.M.).

85. MALLARD

Although common along the Torrens Lake and the pools in the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide (AP), this species is not often reported away from this type of habitat. Hope Valley Res. (AP), 2 on Sept. 12; Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), one female present for several months from Jan. 24 (B.G.).

86. CHESTNUT TEAL (210)

Minlaton (YP), numerous, in pairs and flocks, 1966-67 (K.T.); I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), often in large numbers—ca. 100 on July 14 and 150 on April 5 (B.G.).

87. GREY TEAL (211)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 100+ in early Jan.; Mt. Bold Res. (MLR), 100+ on Jan. 17 (B.G.); Gluepot Stn., 30 miles north of Waikerie (MM), nesting in a hollow mallee 350 yards (of dry limestone and bindyi) from a dam, Oct. 22; Ramco Lagoon (MM), numbers estimated at between 10,000 and 15,000 by various observers during Dec. and about 1,000 on Hart's Lagoon; very few left on Jan. 16 following good rains to the north; many young birds about the Waikerie area (MM) from March until late June, i.e. they bred right through the open season (K.M.); *L. Alexandrina* (MM), several hundred present throughout year (H.E.).

*88. BLUE-WINGED SHOVELER (212)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 4 on Jan. 4 and 12 (B.G.); *L. Meretti* (MM), 15 on Oct. 8, 1966 (M.D.), 3 on

Sept. 23 (K.M.); *L. Alexandrina* (MM), reasonably numerous until March (H.E.).

*91. PINK-EARED DUCK (213)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), several records of from one to four between Jan. 18 and Feb. 14 (B.G.); Ramco Lagoon (MM), 3 on Dec. 29 (K.M.); Broken Cliffs (MM), one on March 9 (M.A.); *L. Alexandrina* (MM), small numbers (50—100) throughout year (H.E.); Salt Lagoon (MM), recorded Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).

92. WHITE-EYED DUCK (214)

Moorook Swamp (MM), ca. 200 on Sept. 9, 1966 (B.S.); Ross Lagoon, Waikerie (MM), 50+ on May 22, 1967 (G. Cow.). Metropolitan Reservoirs (AP, MLR), very few records, of small numbers only (B.G.); very few along the Upper Murray (MM) (K.M.); *L. Alexandrina* (MM), common throughout the year but not in the tremendous numbers of some years (H.E.).

94. MANED GOOSE (202)

Manunda Station (LN), since April rains more seen (ca. 100) than ever before (F.S. and G.S.); Millbrook Res. (MLR), recorded late Nov. to late March; max. 60+ on Jan. 16 (B.G., D.A.L.); Mt. Bold Res. (MLR), 100+ during Jan. (B.G.); Myponga Res. (MLR), up to 250 (L.G.); Warren Res. (MLR), smaller numbers this year; 43 on Feb. 24 (D.A.L.); Meadows (MLR), 117 on March 6 (V.R.); Upper Murray and country to north (MM, LN), single records of only 4 and 8 respectively for the whole year (K.M.).

*96. BLUE-BILLED DUCK (216)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), two males on March 8 (B.G.); Broken Cliffs (MM), one on March 9 (M.A.); *L. Alexandrina* (MM), very plentiful until Jan. but not often seen since; Wellington swamp (MM), 8, all males, Aug. 25 (H.E.); Salt Lagoon (MM), recorded Nov. 19 (J.M.B.).

99. BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE (232)

Reported from a wide area of southern S.A. but not numerous.

102. FORK-TAILED KITE (229)

A few records from the Upper Murray (MM) (sev. obs.); Waltowa Swamp (MM), one on Aug. 10 (B.G.).

110. WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE (226)

Manunda Stn. (LN), Dec., "Recently I have had reported to me two occasions of a

Wedge-tailed Eagle or Eagles attacking ewes. This to me is most unusual, as I have never been molested when inspecting nests. They have been taking odd weak lambs this season and I saw one recently strike down a medium size kangaroo." (F.S.); Moolawatana (NE), 10+ on Sept. 1; station owner reported large numbers because of kangaroo shooters. He had poisoned "hundreds". (R.A.L.).

112. WHITE-BREASTED SEA EAGLE
(226)

Buckland Park Lake (AP), one on Jan. 22, 1967 (M.D.); several records from along the Murray River (MM), KI and coastal YP (sev. obs.); Adelaide Boys' High School (AP), 2 flying over on Feb. 22 (J.M.); Tea-tree Gully (AP), one, flying south at not more than 100 ft. on March 3 (R.A.).

*113. SPOTTED HARRIER (218).

Langhorne Ck. (MM), one on May 15 (L.P., W.P.); Terrapinna Springs (NE), one on Sept. 3 (R.A.L.); Kingston (SE), one on Jan. 20 (R.G.).

*115. OSPREY (241)

Sheringa (EP), 2 adults and 2 young near nest, Jan. 26, 1967 (K.T.); Jones Is., Baird Bay (EP), nest with 3 eggs, Sept. 22 (J.S.); Snug Cove (KI), 2 on March 8 (D.V.); Pondalow Bay (YP), 2 on March 5, 1966 (K.T.), one on Dec. 26, 1967 (G.W.).

*117 BLACK FALCON (238)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on May 31 (B.G.); Langhorne Ck. and district (MM), seen frequently (H.E.); Maitland (YP), one on April 12 (R.G.).

120. PEREGRINE FALCON (237)

A few records from AP (Bolivar), MLR (South Para Res., Mt. Bold Res., Noarlunga), and MM (Hartley, Black Swamp and Langhorne Ck.).

123. MALLEE FOWL (7)

Upper Murray (MM), no breeding recorded for 1966-67-68 by K.M. due to drought, but mounds apparently being worked in June, 1968; Chauncy Line (MM), 3 or 4 seen Feb. 11 (H.E.), some young birds hatched this season (D.H.); other records from Bunn's Bore area (MM) and Sturt Bay (YP).

*125. SWAMP QUAIL (11)

A dead quail whose size (length 8 in.) and description fits this species found dead in Minlaton township (YP) on Feb. 10 (K.T.).

126A. RINGNECK PHEASANT

During the first half of 1968, 281 immature pheasants were released south of Second Valley (MLR); all carried red colour bands.

127. PAINTED QUAIL (14)

Only two reports, South Para Res. (MLR) and Finnis (MM).

*128. LITTLE QUAIL (18)

Langhorne Ck. (MM), several birds seen during harvest (H.E.); Balcanoona Stn. (NE), widely spread in lush grass on plains, March 25 (G.R.).

*130. PLAIN WANDERER (20)

Langhorne Ck. (MM), one male at "Nappyalla," May 14 (H.E.).

*132. LEWIN WATER-RAIL (45)

Kingston (SE), 3, incl. one immature, Jan. 18 (R.G.).

*133. BANDED LANDRAIL (46)

Milang (MM), 2 on Nov. 12 (H.E.).

136. SPOTLESS CRAKE (51)

Although usually considered to be the least numerous of our crakes, there were a number of records of small numbers from the lower Murray-Lakes area.

137. BLACK-TAILED NATIVE HEN
(55)

There was possibly a small influx of this species late in 1967 but there were insufficient reports to confirm this. L. Alexandrina area (MM), common until Jan., not seen after (H.E.).

139. EASTERN SWAMPHEN (58)

Big Swamp (EP), 100+ on Oct. 22 (F.N.).

140. COOT (59)

Murray River (MM), very common along throughout 1966-67 (M.D.); Moorook Swamp (MM), 300 on Sept. 9, 1966 (B.S.); Wellington Swamp (MM), 300 on May 30, 1967 (M.G.). Hope Valley Res. (AP), 40+ on March 19; Happy Valley Res. (MLR), 50+, 80+, and 60+ on Sept. 20, Nov. 29 and Jan. 17 resp. (B.G.).

*141. BUSTARD (176)

Nunoroo (EP), 3 in early April (G.C.); Yunta (LN), a few are reported to 'come down' each year, but most of these end up being shot (K.M.); Berri (MM), one a quarter of a mile from town centre, March 23 (R.G.); Ramco (MM), one near on March 26, later reported to have been shot (K.M.).

143. PIED OYSTERCATCHER (130)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 7 in late 1967; 30+ flew in from St. Kilda on April 26; they were not accompanied by any of the 10 or so Sooty Oystercatchers that were with them on St. Kilda Beach (B.G.), 2 on Dec. 27 (M.D.); 12 miles west of Streaky Bay (EP), ca. 100 on beach on April 19 (L.S.).

144. SOOTY OYSTERCATCHER (131)

Outer Harbor (AP), 88 on Feb. 4 (V.R.); 12 miles west of Streaky Bay (EP), ca. 100 on beach on April 19 (L.S.).

*145. MASKED PLOVER (134)

River Torrens Outlet Channel (AP), 2 on Jan. 28 (R.G.). See *S.A.O.A. Newsletter*, March 1968, p. 11.

*147. GREY PLOVER (136)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 11 on July 28 (B.G.); Coobowie (YP), 4 on Dec. 17, 1966 (K.T.), 16 on Feb. 11 (B.B.); Pondalowie Bay (YP), one on Dec. 25 (B.G.); Wauraltee (YP), 16 on Feb. 11 (H.E.).

*148. GOLDEN PLOVER (137)

Port Willunga Reef (MLR), one on Jan. 13 and March 3 and 31 (M.D.); Coorong (MM), often seen in wader season; flocks of 15-20 (H.E.); Coobowie (YP), 3 on Dec. 17, 1966 (K.T.); Pt. Vincent (YP), 14, January (K.T.); Goldsmith Beach (YP), one on Feb. 11 (B.B.).

150. RED-CAPPED DOTTEREL (143)

Streaky Bay (12 miles west of) (EP), "hundreds" on beach, April 19 (L.S.); Port Noarlunga Beach (MLR), 100+ on March 3 (M.D.); Yorke Pen.—common inland as well as on coast (K.T.).

*151. DOUBLE-BANDED DOTTEREL (140)

Port Noarlunga Beach (MLR), one on March 3, 12+ on March 31 (M.D.); Aldinga Beach (MLR), 9+ on March 31 (S.A. O.A. excn.); L. Alexandrina and Murray Mouth (MM), recorded from July until Sept. 17, but not again until March 10 (8—10 at Murray Mouth); seen often since but in smaller numbers than usual (H.E.).

*153. LARGE SAND-DOTTEREL (141)

L. Alexandrina (MM), one female collected Aug. 28 (H.E.)—see *S. Aust. Ornith.* 25, 1968, p. 21.

155. BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL (144)

Minlaton (YP), one for a week or more

in June; first YP record known to observer (K.T.).

157. AUSTRALIAN DOTTEREL (145)

Smooth Pool, 14 miles west of Streaky Bay (EP), 2 on a ploughed field, April 19 (L.S.); Langhorne Ck. (MM), up to 3 present from Nov. 17—25 (H.E.); Moolawatana (NE), numerous and breeding on grassy plains, early Sept.; total 20+ (R.A.L.).

*158. TURNSTONE (129)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one in late 1967, 1+ on Jan. 9 (B.G.); Baudin Rocks (SE), 70 on Jan. 4 (J.M.B.); Coobowie (YP), 10 on Dec. 17, 1966 (K.T.); Wauraltee (YP), 2 on Dec. 30, 1967 (H.E.); Giles Point, Coobowie Inlet, Sultana Point and Goldsmith Beach (YP), flocks of up to 25; total 65+, Feb. 11 (B.B.).

159. EASTERN CURLEW (149)

Outer Harbor and adjacent areas (AP)—although frequently recorded in flocks of 100 or more 15 or so years ago, only small numbers have been reported in recent years—e.g. I.C.I. Saltfields, maximum for 1966-67, 12 on Jan. 22, 1967 (M.D.); Port Adelaide, 16 on Jan. 18, 1968 (M.K.); Outer Harbor, 3 on March 20 (M.D.). Coorong (MM), common during wader season (H.E.); Tauwitchere (MM), 150 recorded (L.P.); Coobowie (YP), 2 on Dec. 17, 1966 (K.T.).

*160. WHIMBREL (150)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 8 on July 2 (M.M.) and July 14 (B.G.).

*161. LITTLE WHIMBREL (151)

Langhorne Ck. (MM), one on Sept. 9 and Nov. 5—12, and then 7 until Jan. 29 (H.E.).

162. WOOD SANDPIPER (154)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works and I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), recorded from Nov. 10 (2 birds) until April 11 (1 bird); max. recorded 6+ on Jan. 9 (M.D., B.G.); L. Alexandrina (MM), often seen during wader season (H.E.).

*163. GREY-TAILED TATTLER (155)

Port Willunga Reef (MLR), 2 to 4 reported on several occasions between Jan. 5 and March 31. Photographed by M.D. (M.D., D.K., and S.A.O.A. excn.); Coorong (MM), 4 on Jan. 5 (H.E.).

164. GREENSHANK (158)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), present throughout year; max. recorded 40+ in early July and

throughout April (B.G.); St. Kilda Beach (AP), 42 on Nov. 15 (M.D.); L. Alexandrina (MM), common throughout wader season (H.E.); Terrapinna Springs (NE), one on Sept. 3 (R.A.L.).

165. MARSH SANDPIPER (159)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), recorded from Nov. 10 to April 18; max. 6+ (M.D., B.G.); Manunda Stn. (LN), one lame bird for about two weeks in Nov. (F.S.); L. Alexandrina and Coorong (MM), common throughout wader season but not as many as last year (H.E.).

166. COMMON SANDPIPER (157)

Many records between Oct. and April, mostly of one or two birds, from AP (near-coastal), MLR (metropolitan reservoirs) and the lower Murray River (MM) (sev. obs.). I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), present Oct. to April; (B.G.), max. recorded, 15 on Feb. 25 (S.A.O.A. excn.); Goolwa (MM), 7 on March 10 (H.E.).

*167. TEREK SANDPIPER (160)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 on Dec. 12 (M.D.)—see *S. Aust. Ornith.* 25, 1968, p. 23; Coorong (MM), see *Ibid.*, p. 46.

*168. BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (152)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 on Jan. 16 (V.R.); Outer Harbor (AP), 6 on March 20 (M.D.); Mosquito Point (MM), flock of ca. 50 during March and early April (H.E.).

*169. BAR-TAILED GODWIT (153)

Outer Harbor (AP), 8 on March 20 (M.D.); Coorong (MM), up to 9 seen several times between Nov. and April (H.E.).

171. RED-NECKED STINT (162)

Buckland Park Lake (AP), in thousands, Jan. 22, 1967 (M.D.); I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), recorded throughout year, max. several hundred on April 24 (B.G.); Lake Alexandrina and Coorong (MM), common throughout wader season (H.E.); Meningie (MM), ca. 200 on March 7 (B.G.).

*172. LONG-TOED STINT (162A)

L. Alexandrina (MM), 2 on Nov. 19, 4—5 on Nov. 25; seen often thereafter until Feb. (H.E.).

173. SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (163)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), in hundreds on Jan. 22, 1967; very common throughout summer months 1967-68 (M.D.); Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 100+

throughout Jan., 200+ on Feb. 7 (B.G.); Lake Alexandrina and Coorong (MM), common throughout wader season (H.E.).

*174. PECTORAL SANDPIPER (163A)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), one positively identified on Dec. 8 (B.G.).

*175. SANDERLING (166)

Coorong and Murray Mouth (MM), one on Oct. 22, ca. 200 on March 10 and ca. 100 on April 3; Wauraltee (YP), 2 on Dec. 30 (H.E.).

*177. GREAT KNOT (168)

Coorong (MM), 4 on Dec. 10, one on Dec. 17 (H.E.).

*178. RUFF (167A)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on Oct. 6; [Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), one on Dec. 8] (B.G.).

*179. JAPANESE SNIFE (168)

Yundi (MLR), 7+ on Dec. 10, 8 on March 2 (M.D.); 5 on March 6 (D.K.); L. Alexandrina and adjacent swamps (MM), very plentiful in early summer; 20 or more seen on several occasions in one small area; not as numerous after Jan. (H.E.).

181. WHITE-HEADED STILT (146)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), always present, max. 50—70 during April (B.G.); common throughout year along the upper Murray R. (MM) (K.M.), and lower Murray and Lakes area (MM) (H.E.).

182. BANDED STILT (147)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), several hundred present from July until mid-Jan., then apparently disappeared, but were again in large numbers during April (B.G.), 1,000+ reported Oct. 28 (J.B., M.G.), and "thousands" on Jan. 1 and April 14 (M.D.); Pt. Augusta (LN), 80+ on Feb. 1, 1967 (K.T.); Poltalloch Plains (MM), ca. 100 at a freshwater swamp from Aug. to Oct. (H.E.).

183. RED-NECKED AVOCET (148)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), in varying numbers throughout year; 100+ during Jan. (B.G.), up to 250 in April (M.D.); Pt. Augusta (LN), 80+ on Feb. 1, 1967, with 80+ Banded Stilts (K.T.); L. Merreti (MM), 24 on Sept. 23 (K.M.); Ramco Lagoon (MM), 250+ on Dec. 26 (I.C.) and Dec. 29 (K.M.), not recorded Feb.-March, but ca. 100 on April 10 and 500+ on April 13 (K.M.); L. Alexandrina area (MM), common throughout year (H.E.).

184. SOUTHERN STONE-CURLEW
(174)

Sibsey Is. (EP), 2 on July 26 (D.B.); Upper Murray (MM), occasional records (sev. obs.); Belvidere (MM), one from late May to early June (L.W.).

*186. AUSTRALIAN PRATINCOLE
(173)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), single birds on Nov. 13, Jan. 23 and Feb. 5, and 4 on Jan. 31 (B.G.); Lilydale (LN), 5 on April 25 (K.M.); Langhorne Ck. (MM), 4 on Oct. 10, then 2 or 3 pairs until Jan. (H.E.); L. Hart (NW), 2 on June 20, 1966; not observed further south during breeding season (M.D.).

190. SILVER GULL (125)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), many hundreds present from at least Dec. until April; I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), many hundreds usually present (B.G.).

*191. DOMINICAN GULL (125A)

Outer Harbor (AP), one subadult on March 20, 2 subadults April 20; photographed (M.D.).

*193. WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN
(109)

[Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), up to 5 in winter plumage throughout July and early Aug.; identification based mainly on presence of blackish ear coverts as in Witherby et al. *The Handbook of British Birds*, vol. 5, 1944, p. 11 (line 2) and plate 126 (Ad. f. winter);] I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one in breeding plumage April 19 (B.G.); St. Kilda (AP), 2 on Oct. 1 (J.B.); L. Alexandrina area (MM), one on Nov. 25, becoming more plentiful until 20—30 in full or part breeding plumage present during March and April; not seen since April 18 (H.E.).

*195. GULL-BILLED TERN (111)

L. Alexandrina area (MM), very scarce; odd birds May—June (H.E.).

*197. COMMON TERN (112A)

L. Alexandrina area (MM), one on Oct. 22, 2 at Poltalloch Plains on Oct. 29, and up to 30 at Mosquito Point from Feb. 24 to April 7 (H.E.). A paper on this species will be published in the next issue of this journal.

*199. WHITE-FRONTED TERN (114)

Coorong Beach (MM), one dead on beach, May (R.C.).

200. CRESTED TERN (115)

Lipson Cove (EP), ca. 7,000 adults on Jan. 1 (R.A.); Eden Valley (MLR), one on June 8, flushed from road at night by car headlights (R.D.).

201. LITTLE TERN (117)

L. Alexandrina (MM), one on Feb. 24, 10-12 on April 7, and ? 1 on April 14 (H.E.)—see also Condon's 1968 *Handlist of the Birds of S.A.*, p. 54.

202. FAIRY TERN (118)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), numerous (30—50+) throughout April and May (B.G.), 150+ on April 18 (M.D.).

*204. BRIDLED TERN (121)

Baudin Rocks (SE), nesting, Jan. 4 (J.M. B.)—see *S. Aust. Ornith.*, 25, 1968, p. 18.

207. COMMON BRONZEWING (34)

On YP extends south to about Yorketown (K.T.).

208. BRUSH BRONZEWING (35)

On lower EP is very common in coastal and semi-coastal mallee; said by local naturalists to range from about Arno Bay across to Cummins and to Elliston (D.M.); on YP is less common than the Common Bronzewing, extending further south but not as far north; Corny Point seems to be upper limit, with some possible records from Minlaton area; one timed for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile at 35 m.p.h. (K.T.).

211. CRESTED PIGEON (43)

Bolivar area (AP), odd birds occasionally seen, but a flock of 30+ on June 19, and an additional 10+ at the I.C.I. Saltfields a few minutes later suggest a local influx (B.G.).

211B. BURMESE SPOTTED DOVE.

Port Vincent (YP), 6 on Jan. 9, 1967 (K.T.).

213. GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOO
(265)

American R. (KI), 5 on Oct. 25 (J.C., E.S.)—see *S. Aust. Ornith.*, 25, 1968, p. 47.

214. YELLOW-TAILED BLACK
COCKATOO (267)

Mount Rescue Nat. Pk. (MM), flocks of 3-400, Aug. 8 (R.S.).

216. WHITE COCKATOO (269)

Teatree Gully (AP), 6 on Feb. 24 (R.A.); Teachers' Oval, Adelaide (AP), 4 on March

7 (J.H.); upper Murray (MM), flocks of 50 to several hundred often seen; maxima 500, 3 miles west of Blanchetown, April 7, 2 -300 at Swan Reach on April 20 and 2 -300 at Qualco on May 29 (K.M.).

217. PINK COCKATOO (270)

Smoky Bay (EP), 26 on March 29 (L.S.); Devlin's Pound (MM), 20 on Oct. 29 and 40 on March 17, otherwise very few seen in LN, MM or NE throughout whole year, although more common in adjacent N.S.W. (K.M.).

218. LITTLE CORELLA (271)

Flocks of several hundred recorded north of Red Hill (LN) on Aug. 1 (B.G.), Olary Ridge (LN) in August (K.M.), and Waikerie (MM)—3 -500 regularly seen Jan. to June (K.M.). Coromandel Valley (MLR), 15+ several times during mid-Feb.; first known record for area (F.C.); Langhorne Ck and surrounding areas (MM), not as plentiful as last year but some apparently present all year (H.E.); Currency Ck (MM), 65 on Oct. 1 (S.A.O.A. excn.).

220. GALAH (273)

On offshore islands—see *S. Aust. Ornith.* 25, 1968, p. 45.

221. RAINBOW LORIKEET (254)

Naracoorte (SE), ca. 50, very hungry, eating hard green winter pears, April 1-8 (A.A.).

223. PURPLE-CROWNED LORIKEET (259)

Upper Murray (MM)—often recorded from Waikerie, Cadell, Morgan and Blanchetown, but rarely upstream from Woolpunda (K.M.); Minlaton (YP), very numerous from late Nov. to April; first occurrence in district known to observer (K.T.).

225. COCKATIEL (274)

Heywood Park (an Adelaide suburb—AP), a pair nesting, Sept. 16 (M.L., R.L.); Hawthorndene (MLR) one on Aug. 6 (B.G.). Although reported as 'numerous everywhere' (total 100+) at Moolawatana (NE) in early Sept. (R.A.L.), K.M. had no records from the Upper Murray (MM), and very few from the country to the north (LN), these in Aug., April and May; in the Langhorne Ck area (MM) were very scarce, but up to 12 or so at times (H.E.), first seen, 3-4 on Sept. 30 (P.H.); odd records from

Currency Ck, Finniss, etc. (sev. obs.), incl. a flock of ca. 100 on Dec. 28 and Jan. 12 (M.L., R.L.); Minlaton (YP), 2 in July 1966 (K.T.).

226. REGENT PARROT (278)

Upper Murray River (MM), a number of records to as far downstream as Waikerie, incl. 30 at Ramco, March 26, and 'several dozen' feeding on irrigated fairways of Berri Golfcourse in December, during the drought (K.M. et al.); Peebinga area (MM), ca. 20 on June 6; Alawoona area (MM), ca. 5 on June 9 (H.L.).

233. RED-BACKED PARROT (295)

Never recorded in arid country, but extends north-eastwards from Burra, Terowie, etc. (LN) and into the lower Flinders Ras (K.M.). Although plentiful on upper YP (B.G.), has not been recorded on YP by K.T. who observes in the area south of Maitland.

235. BLUE BONNET (297)

Langhorne Ck, Milang, Finniss, etc. (MM), much more plentiful than usual since spring (H.E.); present all year throughout southern YP; appeared to increase in numbers at Minlaton during Nov., flocks of up to 15 being recorded (K.T.).

239. BLUE-WINGED PARROT (306)

Bolivar (AP), one or more flocks present throughout May; max. 45+ on May 29 (B.G.); Milang (MM), flock of up to 30 present from July until mid Dec.; a few again in June (H.E.); Flinders Ras (NE), about 100, in flocks of 6-8, especially at Leigh Ck, Yankaninna and Mt Searle, in May (K.M.).

240. ELEGANT PARROT (307)

Bunn's Bore area (MM), numerous, in flocks of up to 20, Oct. 6-9 (S.A.O.A. campout).

243. BUDGERYGAH (310)

Very few records, from LN and NE.

246. PALLID CUCKOO (337)

Although recorded over a very wide area appeared to be generally uncommon.

247. FAN-TAILED CUCKOO (338)

Whyte-Yarcowie (LN), one on July 19, 1966 (R.D.). Nelshaby Reservoir (LN), several calling Aug. 1, 1967 (B.G.).

- *248. BLACK-EARED CUCKOO (341)
Ketchowla Stn (LN), one on Oct. 20, 1966 (R.D.). Sunlands Extension (9 miles west of Waikerie —MM), one on Oct. 13, 1967 (I.C.).
250. GOLDEN BRONZE-CUCKOO (343)
Bunn's Bore area (MM), one bird at camp, Oct. 6-9 (S.A.O.A. Campout).
259. SPOTTED NIGHTJAR (331)
Nine miles north-east of Penola (SE), one found dead on Dec. 17; believed to be the most southern S.A. record (A.A.).
- *261. FORK-TAILED SWIFT (335)
Milang (MM), 2-400, Dec. 26 (P. Sim); Langhorne Ck and Belvidere (MM), 4 or 5 at both places Dec. 27 (H.E.). Minlaton (YP), 20+ flying west, March 13, 1967 (K.T.).
264. RED-BACKED KINGFISHER (325)
Bunn's Bore area (MM), 2, Oct. (S.A.O.A. Campout).
266. RAINBOW-BIRD (329)
Beaumont (Adelaide suburb—AP), 2 on Oct. 10 (J.B.P.); Warren Nat. Pk (MLR), 40+ on March 8 along a reedy creek (D.A.L.); Prospect Hill (MLR), 15 on March 15 (V.R.).
- *268. HORSFIELD BUSHLARK (648)
Bolivar (AP), one singing, on Nov. 24; Langhorne Ck (MM), common, except winter, but not as plentiful as usual (H.E.); Moolawatana (NE), 5 seen, many others heard calling, early Sept. (R.A.L.); Minlaton (YP), present throughout year; not uncommon (K.T.).
269. SKYLARK
Bolivar (AP), singing regularly as late as Jan. 11 (with a short song on Jan. 23); heard again on March 27 and then regularly (B.G.).
270. WELCOME SWALLOW (357)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), several hundred July 10-12, and from late Jan. until late April; I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 200+ on May 17 (B.G.).
271. WHITE-BACKED SWALLOW (358)
Six miles north-east of Two Wells (AP), 35 taken from one burrow, banded and returned, March 3 (M.W.).
272. TREE MARTIN (359)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 1,000+ on Nov. 25 (M.D.); Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), many hundreds from Feb. 27 until early May; thousands present on May 2 (B.G.).
273. FAIRY MARTIN (360)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), within a year of their construction this species was breeding under bridges and culverts (B.G.).
- *275. GROUND CUCKOO-SHRIKE (423)
Oulnina Pk (LN), 6 on April 26; Chovilla (MM), 5 on Sept. 23 (K.M.); between Berri and Lock 4 (MM), 3 on Feb. 11 (R.G.); Glossop (MM), 6 on June 19, first seen in area since 1964 (R.A.L.); Langhorne Ck (MM), one in vines during July (L.P.); Finnis (MM), 2 on Jan. 4 (J.E.).
- *277. LITTLE CUCKOO-SHRIKE (427)
Oulnina Pk (LN), one on Feb. 3 (K.M.).
278. WHITE-WINGED TRILLER (430)
Although not in large numbers was recorded over a wide area of AP, MLR, lower MM and NE; no records for Upper Murray (MM).
- 278A. BLACKBIRD
Wanna District, Pt Lincoln (EP), one male on Oct. 10 (F.N.).
280. SOUTHERN SCRUB-ROBIN (441)
Nelshaby Gorge (LN), several on Aug. 1 (B.G.); occurs in several areas of ungrazed mallee within a few miles of Waikerie (MM) (K.M., J.P.); 20 miles east of Beltana (NE), recorded Dec. 2 (G.R.).
289. REED WARBLER (524)
Langhorne Ck (MM), 2 eating grapes in home garden, Feb. 18 (H.E.).
291. BROWN SONGLARK (508)
Song in this species is usually confined to spring and early summer, but at Bolivar (AP) was heard on Jan. 4, and then almost daily from April 24 until the end of June (B.G.).
- *292. RUFIOUS SONGLARK (509)
There was not one report of this species from the southern parts of the State for 1967-68. The only records received were—Waikerie (MM), one on Aug. 20 (J.P.) and Moolawatana (NE), 2 on Sept. 4 (R.A.L.).

293. WHITE-FRONTED CHAT (448)

Usually confined to the southern parts of the State. About 15 birds on Jan. 21 at Panaramitee Stn (LN) were the first ever seen by K.M. in this section of the State (which he visits frequently); later he recorded many more groups in the Olary Ridge (LN), Feb. 2-4, and in the Flinders Ranges and east thereof (NE) in May. At Manunda Stn (LN) was numerous after April rains (F.S.).

294. CRIMSON CHAT (449)

This species has staged a spectacular increase in numbers and range, at first confined to the northern and mid-northern areas but later (spring 1968) spreading much further south. The most interesting records, in chronological order, are;—Moolawatana (NE), abundant in grasslands, early Sept. (R.A.L.); Panaramitee (LN), 30 on Jan. 20 (and 60 on April 27, all apparently immature); Yunta to Radium Hill (LN), small flocks, totalling ca. 100 on Feb. 2 (K.M.); Manunda Stn (LN), in great numbers since April rains (F.S., G.S.); Yankaninna (LN), 400 on May 11 and Pualco (LN), 300 on May 23, all apparently immature; Flinders Ras (NE), mid-May, immature birds in large flocks (of 60-100 birds) and totalling 3-500 birds; further east, especially Tiverton and Spring Dam (LN), in late May, 300 birds at least, in 4 or 5 large flocks, again all apparently immature (K.M.).

295. ORANGE CHAT (450)

A number of records from the country north of the Murray Mallee (LN and NE), indicate that this species was also more numerous than usual but not to the same extent as the Crimson Chat. Although F.S. reported that all three species of chat were in great numbers at Manunda (LN) since the April rains, other reports were of smaller numbers — maxima being Moolawatana (NE), 10+ breeding, early Sept. (R.A.L.) and Lilydale (LN), 15 on April 25 (K.M.). Southern records were — Langhorne Ck area (MM), 2 on Oct. 15 and several pairs thereafter; apparently bred after January rain as a number of immatures seen in late Feb.; plentiful until at least May 15 (H.E.); Bunn's Bore area (MM), one male Oct. 6-9 (S.A.O.A. Campout).

297. WHITEFACE (466)

Warren Nat. Pk (MLR), 8 on March 8 (D.A.L.).

*301. WHITE-THROATED WARBLER (453)

Happy Valley Res. (MLR), heard singing Jan. 5 (B.G.)—see *S. Aust. Ornith.* 25, 1968, p. 26.

302. WEEBILL (464)

Olary Ridge (LN), very common in red gums in creeks, August (K.M.); Nelshaby Gorge (LN), several on Aug. 1; Happy Valley Res. (MLR), several on Jan. 5 (B.G.).

305. YELLOW-TAILED THORNBILL (486)

Colonel Light Gardens (Adelaide suburb—AP), nesting in a black wattle tree overhanging a footpath, Aug. (K.M.).

308. CHESTNUT-TAILED THORNBILL (481)

Sandy Creek Nat. Pk (MLR), recorded Oct. 29 (S.A.O.A. excn.).

GROUND-WREN (*Hylacola*)

Nelshaby Gorge (LN), 3 on Jan. 1; Nap-erby Gorge (LN), one on Jan. 8 (P.H.).

314. FIELD-WREN

Bunn's Bore area (MM), a form of this species recorded August (H.E.) and October (S.A.O.A. Campout).

320. STRIATED GRASS-WREN (513)

Records from Taylorville, Mt Rescue Nat. Pk and Bunn's Bore area (MM).

*321. SOUTHERN EMU-WREN (526)

Finniss (MM), plentiful throughout year (H.E.); Currency Ck (MM), appeared to be common in lignum flats, Oct. 1 (S.A.O.A. excn.); Black Swamp (MM), recorded May 17-19 (J.B.P.).

*322. MALLEE EMU-WREN (527)

Scorpion Bore (MM), 3 on Oct. 7 (M.D.).

324. SUPERB BLUE WREN (529)

Tothill Ranges (LN), recorded Aug. 27 (S.A.O.A. excn.); this appears to be the northernmost record in the country north of Adelaide.

*326. TURQUOISE WREN (531)

Italowie Gorge (NE), one male, Sept. 1 (R.A.L., D.v.B.); also recorded at Bookaloo (NW) (J.H.).

328. PURPLE-BACKED WREN (536)

Gawler (one mile north of along North Para River) (AP), small party in African boxthorn, Dec. 10 (J.B.).

338. RED-CAPPED ROBIN (381)

Sandy Ck Nat. Pk (MLR), a pair completing a nest, Oct. 29 (S.A.O.A. excn.); Hallett Cove (MLR), one on April 14 (L.E.W.); Upper Murray (MM), very scarce for many months, but several pairs seen south of Waikerie on May 29 (K.M.).

339. FLAME ROBIN (382)

Fewer records than usual. Tothill Ranges (LN), one male Aug. 27 (R.B. et al.); Langhorne Ck area (MM), still present Aug. 19; next record one on April 24; some since but not plentiful (H.E.); only other records from Mt. Compass—Myponga area (MLR) and Tintinara (MM) (sev. obs.).

*340A. ROSE ROBIN (384)

Beaumont (AP), August, and Darwent's Waterhole, south of Keith (SE), Aug. 24 (see *S. Aust. Ornith.*, 25, 1968, pp. 19 and 20 resp.). Macclesfield (MLR), a male robin, different from the Scarlet Robin in appearance and call (the latter penetrating), recorded in late Dec.; red of breast smaller in area and of a different shade ('fuschia red'), small amount of white on forehead and some white markings on wing; believed to be a Rose Robin (V.R.).

*345. RED-LORED WHISTLER (402)

Karoonda (MM), 3 on Aug. 13 (H.E.); Bunn's Bore area (MM), plentiful during August (H.E.), 'the whistler of the district,' Oct. 6-9 (F.C.—S.A.O.A. Campout).

*352. WESTERN WHIPBIRD (422)

West Point, Lincoln Nat. Pk (EP), heard calling Jan. 1 (R.A.); Bunn's Bore area (MM), recorded in mallee—broombrush, Oct. 6-9 (S.A.O.A. Campout); Pondalowie Bay (YP), 3, not calling, Aug. 23 (R.A.), several singing, Dec. 24-26 (B.G.), 6+ on April 14—adults and young in sand dunes (J.H.).

356. WHITE-THROATED
TREETREEPER (558)

'Nappyalla,' Langhorne Ck (MM), one on Dec. 11 (H.E.).

358. MISTLETOE-BIRD (564)

Minlaton (YP), one on Jan. 21 and 22 the first record for the area known to the observer (K.T.).

364. SILVEREYE (574)

Waikerie-Cadell area (MM), usually numerous but rare throughout current

period (K.M.); Policeman's Point (MM), 1,066 captured on March 16; these included 140 retraps, including one banded on April 3, 1961 by J. B. Hood, and 6 by D. B. Mack on March 29, 1964 (all at Policeman's Point) (M.W.).

368. SINGING HONEYEATER (608)

Waikerie-Cadell area (MM), formerly plentiful but now very scarce (K.M.).

371. YELLOW-FACED HONEYEATER
(614)

Portee Stn (MM), 2 on June 30, possibly first record for MM (KM).

372. PURPLE-GAPED HONEYEATER
(620)

Minlaton (YP), common throughout year but this appears to be its northern limit on YP (K.T.).

*377. YELLOW-TUFTED
HONEYEATER (619)

Two miles north of Naracoorte (SE), up to 5 seen on several occasions between April 8 and 17 (A.A.).

379. WHITE-NAPED HONEYEATER
(578)

Nor-West Bend (MM), recorded late 1967 (A.B.); Waikerie (MM) one on June 1 (B.W.).

384. WHITE-FRONTED HONEYEATER
(594)

This species has increased markedly since 1965, being found, often in considerable numbers, well beyond its normal range, with odd records in the heavily timbered parts of the Mt Lofty Ras.

Mengler's Hill (MLR), very common, appeared to have bred, Oct. 29 (S.A.O.A. excn.); Kuitpo (MLR), one in heathy regrowth on firebreak between pine plantations, April 28 (S.A.O.A. excn.); Langhorne Ck and surrounding areas (MM), very common during autumn and winter (H.E.); Bunn's Bore area (MM), numerous, Oct. 6-9 (S.A.O.A. Campout).

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Odd records from Upper Murray (MM) and Wellington-Langhorne Ck area (lower MM) (sev. obs.); Minlaton (YP), common throughout year (K.T.).

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