

BIRD REPORT, 1968-69

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This report, covering the period 1st July, 1968, to 30th June, 1969, has been compiled from a card index containing all bird records received by the Hon. Secretary and the compiler for the above period. The long delay in publishing is regretted.

Papers of special significance to this report are—

Mack, K. J. (1970), Birds of the North-East of South Australia, *S. Aust. Orn.* 25, 126-141,

Crouch, H. W. (1970), The Olive-backed Oriole in South Australia, *Ibid.*, 195-200,

Kraehenbuehl, D. N. (1970), Notes on the Little Quail, *Ibid.*, 207-8,

Eckert, John (1970), Birds of the Investigator Group, *Ibid.*, 201-205.

Other relevant material in this journal is in Vol. 25 pp. 56, 58, 98, 114, 125, 142-4, 213 and 214.

THE BIRD RECORDS SCHEME

The value of this scheme to South Australian ornithology cannot be stressed too strongly. It is a record of current bird-life, and in future years can be used to compare short-and long-term changes in numbers and distribution—if the right type of information is submitted. Whereas the reporting of rarities and other unusual species to an area is important, of greater value are full species lists of specific areas—with as much information as possible on numbers, habitats, breeding, etc.—either reports of field trips, or best of all, annual summaries of the birdlife about one's home area (even within the suburbs), or of areas frequently visited. Although many of our commoner species rarely make the published Bird Report—which is basically of unusual occurrences, unusual numbers or records which add to or reinforce information contained in H. T. Condon's *Handlist of the Birds of South Australia*—these are the most important species ecologically, and any changes in their status should be reported.

All lists should preferably be in the order of Condon's *Handlist*. Easily separable subspecies—as in the Crimson Rosella group, the Masked and Spur-winged Plovers, the Scrub-Wrens, Field-Wrens, Currawongs, Magpies, etc., should be given separate vernacular names.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

No new species were added to the State list during 1968-69, but eight were recorded for the first time since the Bird Records Scheme was started in 1963, viz. Wandering and Grey-headed Albatrosses, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Arctic Skua, Powerful Owl, Rufous Treecreeper and the introduced Ostrich and Brush Turkey.

Without doubt the most spectacular ornithological event of the year was the arrival into Southern South Australia of large numbers of Crimson and Orange Chats. Less spectacular, but none-the-less interesting, was a northern movement of White-fronted Chats. Other species moved south in greater than usual numbers also—including Little Quail, Cockatiel, Budgerygah and Rufous Songlark.

Other records of particular interest are the first description of the nest and eggs of the Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, the first reported S.A. breeding of the Olive-backed Oriole, broilgas near Adelaide, the first Flinders Ranges record of the Ground Thrush and two more records of the Rose Robin.

The number of species reported was 308.

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*, Third Edition, 1969, 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.

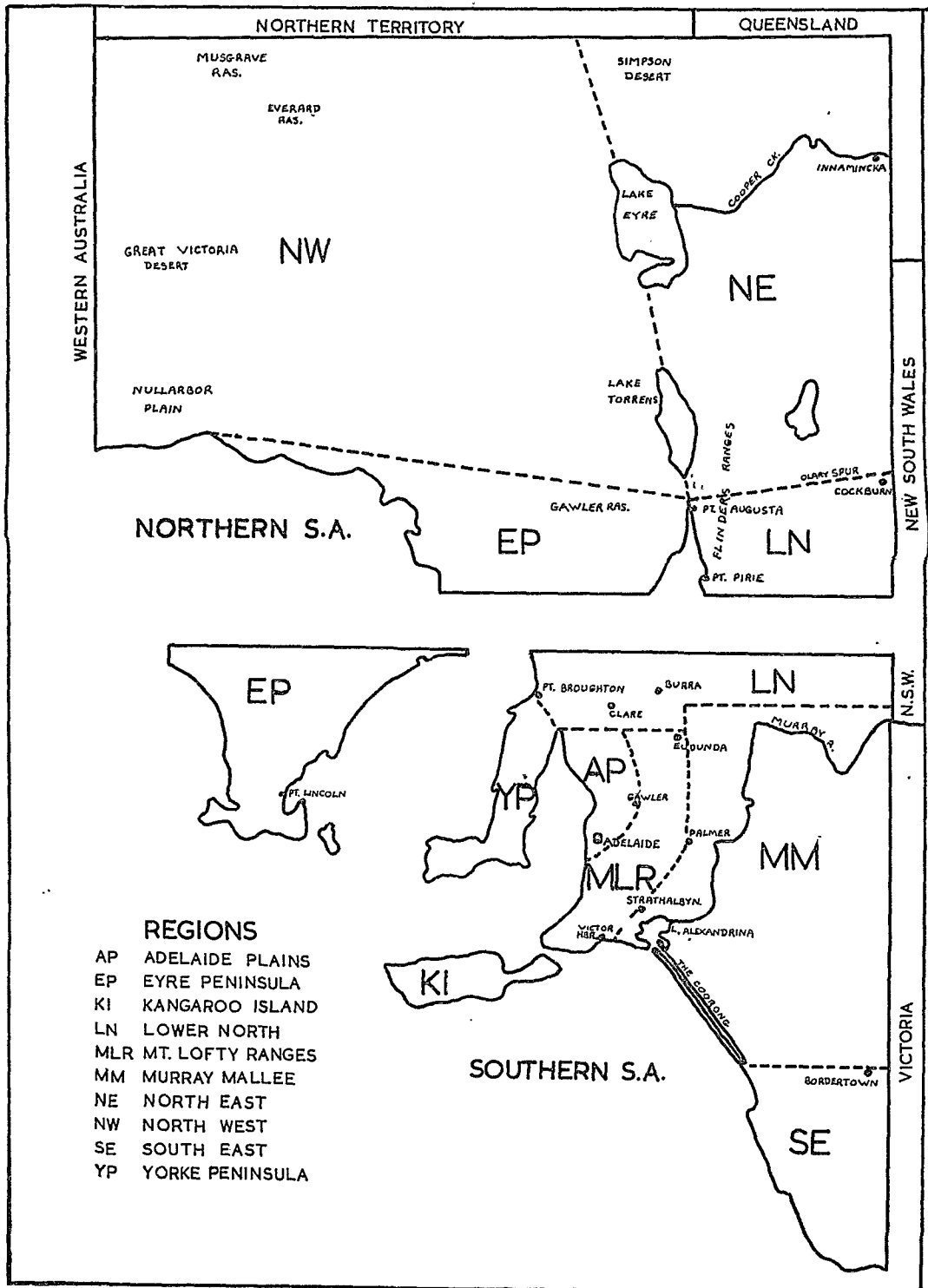
Each locality is followed in brackets by the abbreviation (capital letters without full-stops) of the region of the State in which it occurs.

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.

REGIONS OF THE STATE

See map p. 220.



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1. EMU (1)

"Currawong," 6 miles north-east of Salt Creek (MM), several flocks, one of 20 birds; some chicks, Sept.; Messent Nat. Pk. (MM), about 10 along west boundary, Sept., (9th Spring School, per B.R.).

5A. SOUTHERN OSTRICH (—)

Port Augusta (LN), two chicks from this area received by the Adelaide Zoological Gardens on Sept. 10. See *The Advertiser*, Sept. 11, 1968, p. 1.

12. HOARY-HEADED GREBE (62)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), ca 100 on July 12

(B.G.); Mannum (MM), 3-400 in groups of ca 100, April 10 (P.G.).

13. GREAT CRESTED GREBE (60)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on Oct. 1 (B.G.), Jan. 1 (M.A.C.); Big Swamp (EP), at least 6 on nests, Nov. 9-10 (J.P.); Happy Valley Res. (MLR), one on Jan. 8 (B.G.); Myponga Res. (MLR), one in late Dec. (L.D.); Purnong (MM), 8 to 10 pairs, Oct. 12-14 (J.P.). Several other reports of up to 10 from along the Murray R. (MM) (sev. obs).

- *14. WANDERING ALBATROSS (86)
Kangaroo Head (KI), one immature, 4 miles north of on Sept. 19; Cape Borda (KI), one adult, 3 miles south-west of on Nov. 17 (T.R.N.S.); Goolwa Beach (MM), one dead immature, Oct. 17 (B.G.).
- *15. BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS (88)
Nepean Bay (KI), 19, ca half immature, Sept. 3-5 (T.R., N.S.); Aldinga Beach (MLR), one fresh derelict, adult, Dec. 7 (J.C.).
- *16. YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS (89)
Nepean Bay (KI), 4 on Sept. 3-5 (T.R., N.S.).
- *17. GREY-HEADED ALBATROSS (90)
Penneshaw (KI), one, 3 miles west of, Sept. 3-5 (T.R., N.S.).
- *20. GIANT PETREL (79)
Finniss (MM), one found sick, died next morning, July 23 (R.E.).
- *23. WHITE-HEADED PETREL (77)
Goolwa (MM), 4 dead on beach, Feb. 2 (J.M.).
- *28. DOVE PRION (84)
Coorong Beach (MM), 2 dead, Sept. (B.R.).
- *31. FLESHY-FOOTED SHEARWATER (72)
Semaphore Beach (AP), one old derelict, Jan. 3; Marino to Hallett Cove (MLR), 3 old beach derelicts (J.C.); Murray Mouth (MM), one dead on beach, March 2 (M.Mo).
33. SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (71)
Cape Borda (KI), an estimated 200,000, ten miles south-west of, Dec. 15 (N.S.); Marino (MLR), large numbers offshore to south, April 19 (J.C.); Normanville Beach (MLR), many birds flying south, April 20; Rapid Bay (MLR), several flying north, April 25 (M.D.).
- *36. WILSON STORM-PETREL (63)
Victor Hbr (MLR), 2 flying near the Bluff, July 6 (M.L., R.L.); Backstairs Passage (KI), 4, one mile north of Cape St Albans, June 23 (N.S.). See *S. Aust. Orn.* 25, 1970, 214.
- *37. WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL (65)
Dorothea Is. (EP), 10 bodies outside nest holes; no chicks noticed, Jan. 7-11 (J.P.).
40. PELICAN (106)
Adelaide (AP), 6 flying over city, Feb. 15 (R.A.); Kingscote (KI), numerous, Nov. (M.E.G.); L. Merreti (MM), 500+ on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); L. Bonney, Barmera (MM), 100+ on April 23 (B.G.).
45. LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT (97)
L. Bonney, Barmera (MM), 1000+ on April 23 (B.G.).
46. BLACK-FACED CORMORANT (98)
Flinders Is. (EP), common, July (J.E.), 2 on Jan. 6-7 (J.P.). During rough weather in August at least 1000 eggs were washed away from the colony on Rocky Is. near Pt Victoria (YP), and almost 500 from the Outer Harbor (AP) colony (M.W.).
- *51. DARTER (101)
Cadell (MM), one on July 30 (K.J.M.).
54. WHITE-NECKED HERON (189)
Millbrook Res. (MLR), one on Dec. 9; Paskeville (YP), 3 standing on main road, Sept. 4 (B.G.). A few other scattered records from EP, LN and MM (sev. obs).
- *55. CATTLE EGRET (184A)
"Brenda Park," 4 miles south of Morgan (MM), 3, almost certainly this species present for some time until about late April (W.M.); Point Sturt (MM), one present for about two weeks in early May (P.S.).
56. LITTLE EGRET (185)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), recorded regularly until Feb. 5; max. 12 on July 12 and Feb. 5; Goolwa Barrage (MM), one on Aug. 29 (B.G.); Hindmarsh Is. (MM), recorded March 15-16 (J.P.); Robe (SE), one on Jan. 26 (M.Bo.); Naracoorte (SE), 4 on Nov. 20 (A.A.).
- *57. PLUMED EGRET (186)
Robe area (SE), one in company with single Little and White Egrets (M.Bo.).
59. REEF HERON (191)
One or two birds at Kellidy Bay (EP), American R. (KI), Normanville and Sellick Beach (MLR) and Pondalowie Bay (YP) (sev. obs).
60. NANKEEN NIGHT HERON (192)
I.C.L. Saltfields (AP), several between Nov. 23 and Jan. 26 (sev. obs).
63. WHITE IBIS (179)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 30 on July 3, up to 70 between Dec. 23 and Feb. 9 (B.G.); upper Murray R. (MM),

- common in flooded fruit blocks, throughout year (K.J.M.).
64. STRAW-NECKED IBIS (180)
Upper Murray R (MM), common, feeding on irrigated land; eating snails; throughout year (K.J.M.).
- *66. GLOSSY IBIS (178)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), one on July 3 (B.G.); Buckland Park Lake (AP), 7 on Nov. 13 (M.D.), 60+ on Dec. 1 (S.A.O.A. excn), 23, 20 and 15 on Jan. 2, 16 and 24 resp. (B.G.); D'Estree Bay area (KI), 12 on Nov. 25; Rushy Lagoon (KI), 5 on March 10 (D.D.); Jubilee Dam, Mu-tooroo (LN), small flock on Feb. 3 (C.B.); Mount Bold Reservoir (MLR), 4 in late Dec. (G.J.); between Bow Hill and Mannum (MM), 18 on Jan. 26 (H.L.S.); Langhorne Ck (MM), plentiful since Sept. (J.E.); Milang (MM), 30+ on Nov. 15 (G.B.), also rec. March 15-16 (J.P.); Goolwa (MM), 80 on Feb. 2 (J.M.); Hindmarsh Is. (MM), 16 on March 15-16 (J.P.); Naracoorte (SE), 100 pairs with eggs to half-grown young, Dec. 2 (A.A.); Minlaton (YP), 75 on Nov. 3 (K.T.).
67. ROYAL SPOONBILL (181)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 30, 12 and 10+ on July 5, Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 resp.; Buckland Park Lake (AP), 30+ on July 12; Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 10 on July 23 (B.G.); Woolpunda (MM), 12 on Jan. 24 (M.T.).
68. YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL (182)
L. Merreti (MM), 26 on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.).
- *77. WHISTLING TREE-DUCK (204)
Lake Bonney, Barmera (MM), one, swimming, on Nov. 9; plumes noticeable but not very long (M.A.C.).
- *78. PLUMED TREE-DUCK (205)
Naracoorte area (SE), 11 present for about a week to May 7 (A.A.).
- *79. CAPE BARREN GOOSE (198)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 3 on Dec. 6, 2 on March 2 (B.G.); Little Swamp (EP), 60+ on Nov. 9-10; 5 and 10 miles west of Port Lincoln (EP), 35+ and 4 resp. on Jan. 5-12; Pearson Is. (EP), 2 and 6 on two islands, Jan. 7-11 (J.P.); Big Swamp (EP), 4 on March 19 (D.W.); Meningie (MM), 1-2000 birds reported Nov. 13 (see *S.A.O.A. Newsletter*, Dec. 1969, 13);
- Langhorne Ck (MM), 22+ on Dec. 28 (E.A., M.J.A.), 30 on Feb. 16 (M.A.C.).
80. BLACK SWAN (203)
Hindmarsh Is. (MM), 1000+ on March 15-16 (J.P.).
- *82. FRECKLED DUCK (214)
Murray's Lagoon (KI), one on Jan. 18 (M.A.C.). First record for KI. Penneshaw (KI), one dead under power lines March 28 (M.D.); L. Merreti (MM), 50 on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Waikerie (MM), several, March (K.J.M.); Mannum (MM), 4 on April 10 (P.G.); Mosquito Point (MM), 100+ on Feb. 2 (J.L. et al.).
83. CHESTNUT-BREASTED SHELDUCK (207)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 2 on Aug. 11, 9 on Dec. 5 (B.G.); Lake Merreti (MM), 100+ on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Waikerie-Cadell (MM), usually a few dozen on lagoons; 2-300 in Feb.-Mar.; Cadell (MM), pair with 12 ducklings, Aug. 21 (K.J.M.).
- *83A. BURDEKIN DUCK (206)
Purnong area (MM), one bird in flight answering the description of this species, Oct. 13 (J.P.).
- RUDDY SHELDUCK (—)
Naracoorte area (SE), one in company of 100+ Chestnut-breasted Shelduck on June 1; had been there for about a week (A.A., J.B.H.). See Bird Report, 1967-68.
84. BLACK DUCK (208)
Robertstown (LN), 100 on Sept. 3 (W.M.); metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), mostly small numbers, Feb.-April, maxima 80+ on South Para Res., March 28, and 50+ on Happy Valley Res. on April 30 (B.G.).
86. CHESTNUT TEAL (210)
Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), small numbers frequently recorded; Buckland Park Lake (AP), numerous on July 12; I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 50+ on July 18 and Jan. 2; Happy Valley Res. (MLR), 4 on April 30, only record for metropolitan reservoirs (B.G.); Minlaton area (YP), present throughout year (K.T.).
87. GREY TEAL (211)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 50+ on July 18, 100+ on Nov. 25 and 1000+ on Jan. 24; Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), several hundred on Dec. 31, Jan. 2 and Feb.

17 (B.G.); Semaphore (AP), 100+ with 6 Chestnut Teal, on tidal flat at causeway, March 10 (M.E.G.); metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), small numbers only; rarely more than 10, Feb.-April; Beetaloo Res. (LN), 40+ on March 19 (B.G.); station country north of Murray R. (LN), small numbers only, Aug., Feb., April (C.B., K.J.M.); Lake Merreti (MM), 100+ on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Waikerie-Morgan (MM), thousands on lagoons, Jan.-March (K.J.M.); Minlaton (YP), flocks of up to 200; breeding in Oct. (K.T.).

88. BLUE-WINGED SHOVELER (212)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 10+ on July 18 (B.G.); near St Kilda (AP), 50+ on Feb. 16 (J.C.); few other reports, of small numbers only, from Buckland Park (AP), Robertstown (LN), South Para Res. (MLR), Milang and Murray Mouth area (MM) and Minlaton (YP) (sev. obs).

91. PINK-EARED DUCK (213)

Buckland Park Lake (AP), 5 on Sept. 5 (M.D.); Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), present from at least Dec. 10 to Feb. 13; mostly 10 or less but 50 on Feb. 13 (B.G.); Big Swamp (EP) 20+ on March 19 (D.W.); Mudlanna Swamp, 36 miles north of Nonning (EP), 40+ on June 21 (M.J.A.); Murray's Lagoon (KI), 5 on Jan. 18 (M.A.C.); Lake Merreti (MM), 200+ on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Hart Lagoon, Waikerie (MM), 50 on March 25 (K.J.M.); Goolwa Barrage (MM), 2 on Feb. 8 (A.J.); Muloorina Stn (NE), 4 on Nov. 2 (R.D.); Mt Serle Stn (NE), a pair, Feb. (M.S.); Minlaton (YP), 2, Feb.-March (K.T.).

92. WHITE-EYED DUCK (214)

Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), several on Feb. 7-13; metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), very few, Dec.-May (B.G.); upper Murray and station country to north (LN, MM), few (C.B., K.J.M.); L. Bonney, Barmera (MM), 100+ on April 23 (B.G.).

94. MANED GOOSE (202)

Rocky River (KI), 5 on Jan. 2 (T.R.), 4 on Jan. 10 (M.B.); metropolitan reservoirs (MLR), a few only, Dec. to March, the only large flock being 70+ at Warren Res. on Feb. 6 (B.G.); Waikerie-Morgan (MM), a few dozen, Jan. to March (K.J.M.).

96. BLUE-BILLED DUCK (216)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one female, Jan. 2 (B.G.); Murray's Lagoon (KI), 3 on Jan.

3 (M.A.C., M.E.G.). Odd records from lower Murray R. (MM) (sev. obs).

97. BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE (232)

A marked increase in 1969 was no doubt associated with plague numbers of mice in the wheat growing areas north of Adelaide.

102. FORK-TAILED KITE (229)

Odd records from LN and upper MM. The only southern record was at Mannum (MM) on June 28 (J.C.).

112. WHITE-BREASTED SEA-EAGLE (226)

One or two birds reported from Lincoln Nat. Park and Dorothea and Flinders Islands (EP), American R., Snug Cove, Anxious Bay and Winnons R. (KI), Woolpunda and Morgan (MM) and southern YP. Morgan (MM), a pair nesting in a dead eucalypt. Aug. 1 (A.H.B.).

*113. SPOTTED HARRIER (218)

Kangaroo Flat (AP), one on March 30 (J.C.); south-east of Kimba (EP), one on June 25 (M.J.A.); 14 miles west of Blanchetown (MM), 2 on April 19 (M.A.C., R.F.B.); Langhorne Ck (MM), 2 on June 5 (R.C.); Murray Mouth area (MM), recorded March 30 (M.D.).

*115. OSPREY (241)

Flinders Is. (EP), 2 or 3 pairs, July (J.E.), one, Jan. 6-7 (J.P.); Wanna, Lincoln Nat. Pk (EP), 2 on March 20 (D.W.); Pondalowie Bay (YP), one or two, Jan. 26 (B.G.).

*116. GREY FALCON (236)

Edeowie (NE), one in Oct. (R.D.); Partacoona Stn (NE), one on May 28 (R.O.R.).

*117. BLACK FALCON (238)

Columba (AP), one on March 8 (M.W.); Manunda (LN), rec. Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); Scotts Nat. Pk (MLR), one on March 15-16 (J.P.); Naracoorte (SE), a pair with small young in old nest of *Corvus* sp. First record for area (A.A.).

119. LITTLE FALCON (235)

Very few records, from AP, LN and MLR (sev. obs).

*120. PEREGRINE FALCON (237)

The only reports were from Hope Valley Res. (AP), one on March 18, Beetaloo Res. (LN), one on March 19 (B.G.) and Mosquito Point (MM), one on Feb. 16 (M.A.C.).

123A. BRUSH TURKEY (8)

Rocky R. (KI), 3 in Jan. (C.L.). See

S. Aust. Orn., 18, 1948, 76-77, also H. T. Condon's *Handlist of the Birds of South Australia*, 3rd edn, 1969, p. 113 re. introduction.

128. LITTLE QUAIL (18)

Much more numerous than usual in both northern and southern parts of the State. See Kraehenbuehl, D., 1970, *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 207-8. Additional records include:—Grange Beach (AP), one dead Jan. 27 (J.C.); Manunda (LN), a small covey Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); LN and upper MM, a few in several places, Oct.-March (K.J.M.); Woolpunda (MM), one on Oct. 2 (M.T.); Langhorne Ck (MM), first recorded Oct. 2, plentiful later and breeding (J.E.); Bosun's Point, near Robe (SE), 3, immature but flying, Jan. 26 (M.Bo.); Minlaton (YP), common and breeding, Dec.; observer's first record for area (K.T.).

*129. RED-CHESTED QUAIL (19)

Lake Plains (MM), 2 on Nov. 23 (J.E.); Belvidere (MM), one on Dec. 13 (B.E.).

131. BROLGA (177)

Dry Ck (AP), 6 on Nov. 8 (J.C.); Adelaide University Oval (AP), one flying over on April 14 (P.G.); Cooper Ck, near L. Coongie (NE), 3 reported by rabbit trappers, Dec.; Kalangadoo (SE), recorded Sept. (K.J.M.); Bool Lagoon (SE), 106 feeding on newly ploughed ground, April 24 (A.A.).

*132. LEWIN WATER-RAIL (45)

Sewage outlet to Port River (AP), one on Jan. 18 (J.C.); Yundi (MLR), one immature on Dec. 30 (S.C.); Hindmarsh Falls (MLR), one found dead on April 3 (R.G.).

*136. SPOTLESS CRAKE (51)

Barmera (MM), one found dead under overhead wires, Jan. 23 (D.G.); Mosquito Point (MM) one on Feb. 16 (M.A.C.).

137. BLACK-TAILED NATIVE HEN (55)

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 10+ on Nov. 16 (M.D.), 15 on Nov. 25 and 30+ on Jan. 2 (B.G.); in small numbers at several places in LN and NE from Oct. to Feb. (K.J.M.), but in large numbers at dams on Mutooroo (LN) in Feb. (C.B.), and 'never known to be so common in the bush around Waikerie' (MM), Jan.-March (K.J.M.); L. Merreti (MM), 200 on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Minlaton (YP), common Oct.-June; breeding (K.T.).

140. COOT (59)

Metropolitan reservoirs (AP, MLR), occasionally numerous, Dec. to April, maxima Hope Valley Res. (AP), 150 on March 18, Happy Valley Res. (MLR), 200+ on March 26, South Para Res. (MLR), 60+ on March 28 (B.G.); Big Swamp (EP), 30-40 on nests, Nov. 10 (J.P.); Purnong (MM), very common Oct. 12-14 (J.P.); Minlaton (YP), Sept.-Feb.; numerous pairs breeding in Oct. (K.T.).

*142. PAINTED SNIPE (170)

Dry Ck (AP), one female, Dec. 20 (J.C.); Sutherlands (MM), one captured, early 1969 (E.B.); Mannum area (MM), 20 at shallow edge of backwater, March 22 (L.F., G.R.).

146. BANDED PLOVER (135)

Kangaroo Flat School (AP), 51 on Jan. 27 (E.A., M.J.A.); I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), a few on Nov. 24 (N.R.), 100+ on Jan. 7 (B.G.); Adelaide Airport (AP), 30+ on Jan. 11 (B.G.); Manunda-Lilydate (LN), common Oct. 11-13; many with young (K.J.M.).

*147. GREY PLOVER (136)

Shoal Bay (KI), one on Jan. 16 (M.A.C., M.E.G.).

*148. GOLDEN PLOVER (137)

Outer Harbor (AP), one on Dec. 12 (J.C.), one on Jan. 1 (M.D.); Goolwa (MM), ca 50 on Nov. 16 (R.R. et al.); Tolderol Point (MM), rec. Feb. 15-16 (J.P.); Murray Mouth area (MM), rec. March 30 (M.D.).

*151. DOUBLE-BANDED DOTTEREL (140)

Grange-Semaphore beaches (AP), one from April 13 to May 31 (J.C.); Tolderol Point (MM), rec. Feb. 15-16 (J.P.); Langhorne Ck (MM), 30+ on March 3 (J.E.).

*154. ORIENTAL DOTTEREL (142)

Sutherlands (MM), 2 captured Jan. 30 (E.B.).

156. RED-KNEED DOTTEREL

I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 9 and 40+ on Nov. 16 and Feb. 1 resp. (M.D.), 10-20 between Nov. 25 and Feb. 2; Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 2, 20 and 9 on Dec. 31, Jan. 3 and Feb. 12 resp. (B.G.); L. Merreti (MM), common on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Waikerie area lagoons (MM), common throughout year (K.J.M.); Minlaton (YP), pairs and flocks, Nov. and Feb. (K.T.).

- *157. AUSTRALIAN DOTTEREL (145)
 Various places from Yunta to Mutooroo (LN), small groups from Aug. to Nov. (K.J.M.); Manunda (LN), nesting Sept. (G.S.), one dead, Oct. 11-14; south of Tiverton (LN), 5+ on Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); Langhorne Ck (MM), one on March 3 (J.E.); Tolderol Point, Milang area (MM), recorded March 15-16 (J.P.); between Lyndhurst and Leigh Ck (NE), hundreds, Sept. 7-8 (M.Bo); Martin's Well (NE), 6 on Sept. 14; Wertaloona, near Arrowie (NE), 15 on Feb. 14 (K.J.M.).
- *158. TURNSTONE (129)
 I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on Oct. 4 (B.G.); Flinders Is. (EP), 8 on Jan. 6-7; Pearson Is. (EP), 8 on Jan. 7-11 (J.P.).
159. EASTERN CURLEW (149)
 Small numbers (one to four), reported from I.C.I. Saltfields and Outer Harbor (AP), American R. (KI), and Port Arthur and Stansbury (YP) (sev. obs.).
- *162. WOOD SANDPIPER (154)
 I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 on Jan. 3; Buckland Park Lake (AP), one on Jan. 16; Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), one on Feb. 7 (B.G.); Dry Ck (AP), up to 6 from Jan. 26 to Feb. 16 (J.C.); Young-husband (MM), 2 on Nov. 24 (R.D.); Milang (MM), recorded March 15-16 (J.P.); Mosquito Point (MM), ca 5, Jan. 25 (D.H.C.); 2 on Feb. 16 (M.A.C.); Murray Mouth area (MM), 2 on Feb. 2 (M.D.); Mt Searle Stn, 30 miles east of Copley (NE), one feeding at tank overflow, March 18 (J.S.); Minlaton (YP), 2 on Feb. 2 (K.T.).
163. GREY-TAILED TATTLER (155)
 Outer Harbor (AP), 3 on Dec. 7, 2 on Jan. 1 (M.D.); Pt Willunga Reef (MLR), single bird recorded several times between Nov. 26 and April 28 (sev. obs), 4 on Jan. 5 (D.K.).
164. GREENSHANK (158)
 Outer Harbor (AP), 40 on Dec. 8 (R.D.); Minlaton (YP), common Sept. to March (K.T.). Numerous other records from AP, EP, KI and MM (sev. obs).
- *165. MARSH SANDPIPER (159)
 I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), several between Dec. 31 and Feb. 12 (B.G.), ca 20 on Dec. 22 (D.H.C.); Buckland Park Lake (AP), 7 on Jan. 16 (B.G.); Milang (MM), rec. March 15-16 (J.P.).
166. COMMON SANDPIPER (157)
 Numerous reports of 1-6 birds from AP, KI, MLR, upper and lower MM and YP between Aug. 5 and April 8 (sev. obs).
- *168. BLACK-TAILED GODWIT (152)
 I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 11 on Dec. 22 (D.H.C.); Goolwa Beach (MM), one on Oct. 6 with 6 Bar-tailed Godwits (R.L.); Mosquito Point (MM), one on Dec. 25 (M.A.C.).
- *169. BAR-TAILED GODWIT (153)
 I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one on Dec. 1 (S.A.O.A. excursion); Outer Harbor (AP), 9 on Jan. 1 (M.D.); L. Merreti (MM), 12 on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Goolwa Beach (MM), 6 on Oct. 6 (R.L.).
170. CURLEW SANDPIPER (161)
 A number of records from AP, LN and MM (sev. obs), the greatest number reported being 20+ at I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), on Nov. 25 (B.G.).
171. RED-NECKED STINT (162)
 A number of records from AP, EP, LN, MM and YP of small to large (200+) flocks (sev. obs).
- *172. LONG-TOED STINT (162A)
 Mosquito Point (MM), 7 on Dec. 28, one on April 6 (J.E.).
173. SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (163)
 A number of records from AP, LN, upper and Lower MM and YP of small to large ('several hundred') numbers (sev. obs).
- *174. PECTORAL SANDPIPER (163A)
 Boggy Lake (MM), one on Dec. 1 (J.E.); Minlaton (YP), one feeding with 70 Sharp-tailed Sandpipers on Nov. 13 (K.T.).
- *175. SANDERLING (166)
 Grange-Semaphore Beach (AP), 5 on Dec. 28 (J.C.); Coorong Beach (MM), one on Aug. 4 (R.C., J.E.); Goolwa Barrage (MM), 5 on Nov. 10 (B.B.); Goolwa Beach (MM), 'many parties along beach,' April 4 (E.N.).
- *176. KNOT (164)
 North of Mannum (MM), 3 on Nov. 22 (H.L.S.); Murray Mouth area (MM), rec. March 30 (M.D.).
- *177. GREAT KNOT (165)
 Outer Harbor (AP), 4 on Dec. 10 (M.A.C., M.Gr.); Goolwa (MM), 2 on Nov. 16 (R.C., J.E., R.R.).

- *178. RUFF (167A)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one male Feb. 16 (J.C.).
- *179. JAPANESE SNIPE (168)
Purnong area (MM), ca 8 on Oct. 14 (J.P.); between Bow Hill and Mannum (MM), 2 on Jan. 26 (H.L.S.).
181. WHITE-HEADED STILT (146)
Robertstown (LN), 300 on Sept. 3 (W.M.).
182. BANDED STILT (147)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 'thousands' on Nov. 26 (M.D.), several hundred from Oct. 4 to Jan. 22 (B.G.); Mt Hope (EP), recorded Jan. 5-12 (J.P.); Emu Bay Road (KI), 200 on a salt lagoon, Jan. 17 (D.D.); east of Minlaton (YP), 200+ on Sept. 28; all but 14 immature (K.T.).
183. RED-NECKED AVOCET (148)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), up to 200 from Aug. 19 to Feb. 2 (B.G.); Semaphore (AP), 50+ feeding on tidal flat near causeway on Feb. 6 (M.E.G.); L. Merreti (MM), 200+ on Feb. 15 (D.C., R.G.); Waikerie-Cadell (MM), hundreds on lagoons, Jan. to May (K.J.M.); Hindmarsh Is. (MM), 60+ on March 15-16 (J.P.); Naracoorte (SE), 14 pairs nesting, Sept. 21 (A.A.); Minlaton (YP), pairs and flocks Aug. to Dec.; breeding Sept. (K.T.).
186. AUSTRALIAN PRATINCOLE (173)
Templers (AP), 2 on Nov. 11 (W.M.); Lower Light (AP), 12 on a ploughed fire-break on Nov. 23 (R.F.); Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works (AP), 2 on Nov. 4, 4 on Dec. 13 (B.G.); I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 on Nov. 8 (J.C.); Adelaide Airport (AP), up to 8 between Jan. 11 and March 4 (sev. obs); Spring Dam, south of Yunta (LN), a few in Oct. (A.T.); Moana (MLR), one on Dec. 29 (M.D.); Lowbank (MM), 2 on Dec. 21 (K.J.M.); Woolpunda (MM), 4 on Jan. 22 (M.T.); Lake Plains (MM), first recorded Oct. 29, plentiful later (L.C.); Langhorne Ck (MM), 8 on Jan. 1 (E.A., M.J.A.).
- *188. ARCTIC SKUA (128)
Grange Beach (AP), one on March 1 and April 20 (J.C.).
- *191. DOMINICAN GULL (125A)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), one adult, Jan. 2 (B.G.); Semaphore Beach (AP), one adult Dec. 28 (J.C.); Outer Harbor (AP), one adult Jan. 19 (E.A.); Henley-West Beach (AP), one, immature, April 13 (J.C.); Largs Bay (AP), one adult on June 20 (A.B.B.).
- *193. WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN (109)
I.C.I. Saltfields (AP), 2 on Dec. 30 (R.G.); Langhorne Ck (MM), rec. Nov. 24; 3 in breeding plumage on April 6 (J.E.).
194. MARSH TERN (110)
Naracoorte (SE), nesting in hundreds, Sept. 21 A.A.).
- *195. GULL-BILLED TERN (111)
Angas Plains (MM), 6 on June 2. Often seen following plough (C.C.).
- *197. COMMON TERN (112A)
Murray Mouth (MM), 5 on Dec. 28 (R.R.).
- *201. LITTLE TERN (117)
Coorong (MM), nesting Jan. 12 (J.E.). See *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1970, 143.
206. DIAMOND DOVE (31).
Sandy Ck (MLR), 2 banded May 3 (B.H.); Ramco (MM), 6 on Aug. 24—a permanent colony (K.J.M.); Waikerie (MM), 3 on Nov. 9 (M.A.); Anzac Bore, Yankaninna (NE), 30 on Feb. 17 (K.J.M.).
207. COMMON BRONZEWING (34)
Hartley (MM), flock of at least 200 feeding in one paddock on Aug. 17; smaller flocks were also present over a span of some days in mid-Aug. (G.W.).
208. BRUSH BRONZEWING (35)
Calperum Stn (MM), one on Sept. 29 (R.G.); Karoonda (MM), a few on Nov. 22 (K.J.M.).
- 211B. BURMESE SPOTTED DOVE (—)
Ramco (MM), one on Aug. 14 (K.J.M.); north of Murray Bridge (MM), one on June 21 (D.B.); Goolwa area (MM), one on March 15-16 (J.P.).
214. YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO (267)
Hazelwood Park (AP), 6 on Nov. 7, perched on top of a pine for a quarter hour (M.D.S.).
216. WHITE COCKATOO (269)
Waikerie to Blanchetown (MM), hundreds resident (K.J.M.); Wongulla (MM), 500+ on March 23 (M.A.C.).
217. PINK COCKATOO (270)
Ten miles west of Ceduna (EP), 30 feeding on a pile of discarded grain, April 12 (K.C.); Buckleboo (EP), 100+ on June 24

(E.A., M.J.A.); Gairloch Dam, Mutooroo (LN), 17 and 6 on Jan. 8 and Feb. 3 resp.; Canopus (LN), 9 and Morganvale (LN), 7, the only sightings on an extensive LN trip, June 24-26 (K.J.M.); Nor-West Bend Stn (MM), 6 on June 14 (D.V.).

218. LITTLE CORELLA (271)

Waite Arboretum (AP), ca 15, April 26 (W.B.); Manunda (LN), plentiful Aug. 3 and June 25; Flinders Ras (LN, NE), plentiful Aug. 3 and Feb. 14 (K.J.M.); Nelshaby (LN), hundreds on March 19, Baroota (LN), ca 100 on March 19 (B.G.); Myponga (MLR), 100+, July 14 (S.A.O.A. excn); Mt Compass (MLR), 2 on Aug. 17 (A.W.); Victor Hbr (MLR), a flock on Aug. 28 (M.L., R.L.); Waikerie area (MM), plentiful Nov. 10 and June 5 (K.J.M.); between Sedan and Swan Reach (MM), 30+ on Sept. 1 (M.L., R.L.).

219. CORELLA (272)

Between Bow Hill and Mannum (MM), one immature, Jan. 1 (H.L.S.); Struan (SE), 100 on Sept. 10 (W.M.).

220. GALAH (273)

Flinders Is. (EP), a number present, July; may breed in cliffs (J.E.); Formby Bay (YP), appeared to be nesting in cliffs, Oct. 3 (W.M.).

225. COCKATIEL (274)

Records indicate that this species occurred over a wide area (AP, LN, MLR, MM, NW, upper SE and YP), but apparently in small numbers in most areas. Langhorne Ck (MM), first recorded Sept. 22; present in district in fair numbers later (J.E.); Keith area (MM), 'numbers' in area, Oct. 29, at least one pair nesting (C.D.E.).

229. ADELAIDE ROSELLA (283)

East of Murray Bridge (MM), 30+ on Burbridge and Bold's properties, July 28 (S.A.O.A. excn). (Possible progeny of escapees?—B.G.).

230. EASTERN ROSELLA (288)

Oaklands Railway Stn (AP), 2 on Oct. 4 (E.N.); Ferguson Park (AP), 2 on June 28; Kensington Park (AP), 2 on June 29 (A.B.B.).

235. BLUE BONNET (297)

Flinders Ranges and eastern plains (NE), very few in Sept. and Feb. but fairly plentiful at various places in upper MM and adjacent LN from Oct. to June, incl. ca 40 near Morgan (MM), on Nov. 13

(K.J.M.); scrub 4 miles west of Milang (MM), recorded March 15-16 (J.P.); Stansbury, Minlaton, Brentwood and Warooka (YP), common on April 15 (W.M.); Minlaton (YP), common throughout year (K.T.).

240. ELEGANT PARROT (307)

Aldinga Plains (MLR), ca 50 on March 23 (G.B.R.).

243. BUDGERYGAH (310)

Salisbury North (AP), 40 on April 14 (R.W.C.); Flinders Ras (LN, NE), an estimated 10,000, breeding prolifically, Oct.; Mutooroo (LN), thousands on Jan. 8-9, but only a few on Feb. 2 (K.J.M.); Manunda (LN), common on Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); MM, plentiful to as far south as Pompoota, Sept.-March (K.J.M.); plentiful Kalyam, Karoonda and Bow Hill (100+), (MM), Oct. 12-14 (R.L.); Langhorne Ck (MM), first recorded Sept. 18, later in hundreds (K.P.), 30+ on Oct. 5 (E.A., M.J.A.); Minlaton (YP), large number of flocks during Oct. and Nov. (K.T.). Numerous other records to as far south as Keith (MM) and Kalangadoo (SE) (sev. obs.).

246. PALLID CUCKOO (337)

Relatively few reports, mostly from LN and MM in spring, but several from upper Murray area (MM) in May and June (sev. obs), incl. Waikerie area (MM), 'common,' June 15 (K.J.M.).

247. FAN-TAILED CUCKOO (338)

Flinders Is. (EP), common and calling, July (J.E.); several records from upper MM and adjacent LN (K.J.M.; C.K.).

248. BLACK-EARED CUCKOO (341)

A few records from LN and MM, Aug.-Oct. (sev. obs). There was an influx into at least part of MM during June—Portee Stn, 6 on June 12-14 (D.H.C., J.H.); Mt Mary, 'seemed to be everywhere,' June 14-16 (J.P.).

249. HORSFIELD BRONZE CUCKOO (342)

Flinders Is. (EP), common and calling, July (J.E.); Blanchetown area (MM), 12-15 on May 24 (A.W.B.), 10 on June 16 (L.F., G.R.); Portee Stn (MM), common June 12-14 (A.B., R.B.). Many other records covering almost every month of the year for the southern half of the State.

- *250. GOLDEN BRONZE CUCKOO (343)
Sleaford Mere (EP), rec. Nov. 10 (J.P.); Scotts Nat. Pk (MLR), rec. Nov. (H.L.S.).
- *256. POWERFUL OWL (248)
Mt Burr (SE), one roosting in a large Manna Gum near one of the pine forests, July 6 and Aug. 4. Observed, photographed and pellets collected by a party of Millicent Field Naturalists (A.A.).
- *261. FORK-TAILED SWIFT (335)
Brighton (AP), flying south-east at 1900 hrs on Feb. 17 (H.H.); Dorothea Is. (EP), 20+, Jan. (J.P.). (See *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1970, 125). Cape de Couedic (KI), 200+ hawking insects above cliff-tops on Feb. 19 (N.S.); Winkie Swamp (MM), 1,000, 50 and 3 on Feb. 1, 2 and 20 resp. (D.C.); Milang (MM), one on Jan. 15 (T.S.); Goolwa (MM), 20 on March 21 (R.W.C.); Strathalbyn and Langhorne Ck (MM), several on April 9 (R.C., R.R.); Minlaton (MM), recorded during Feb. and March (K.T.).
263. KOOKABURRA (322)
Rocky R. (KI), heard on Jan. 10 (M.B.).
264. RED-BACKED KINGFISHER (325)
Southern records were from Riverton (AP), Oct. (L.E.D.); and Langhorne Ck (MM), one on Sept. 29 (J.E.). A number of other reports from upper EP, LN and upper MM (sev. obs).
266. RAINBOW-BIRD (329)
Glen Osmond (AP), one on Oct. 21 (D.P.); Belvidere (MM), first seen Oct. 7, later plentiful (B.E.). No reports from MLR.
269. SKYLARK (—)
Comet Bore, 6 miles north of Bunn's Bore (MM), 2 flying north, April 27 (D.H.C.); "Currawong," Salt Ck (MM), numerous in cleared fields, Sept.; Messent Nat. Pk (MM), several singing over low heath country, north-west section, Sept. (B.R.).
271. WHITE-BACKED SWALLOW (358)
Mannum (MM), at least 5 pairs, July-Aug. (J.C.); 2 on May 4 (S.A.O.A. excn).
272. TREE MARTIN (359)
Adelaide (AP), nesting in a building in Wakefield st, Sept. 24 (N.C.).
273. FAIRY MARTIN (360)
Edinburgh Airfield (AP), 30+; 40 nests under a low bridge, Sept. 27 (R.J.P.G.).
- *275. GROUND CUCKOO-SHRIKE (423)
Tuilkikkel Stn, near Terowie (LN), 6 on Aug. 4 (J.E.); Blackfellow's Ck, Mutooroo (LN), 4 on Feb. 5 (C.B.); Pigeon Box Dam, Manunda (LN), 5 on April 26 (K.J.M.); Berri (MM), one on Sept. 29 (R.G.); Swan Reach (MM), 2 on April 16 (M.D.).
- *277. LITTLE CUCKOO-SHRIKE (427)
Keswick (AP), one on April 14 (call, smaller size, etc., noted by 3 observers familiar with the species) (J.M.); Aldinga (MLR), one on Dec. 7 (J.C.).
278. WHITE-WINGED TRILLER (430)
Widespread from early Aug.—Lilydale (LN), 2 on Aug. 3, 'first for season' (K.J.M.)—to early Jan.—Mt Bold (MLR), a female with one flying young, Jan. 8 (B.G.)—but apparently only in small numbers in most localities. Interesting records include South Parklands, Adelaide (AP), 2 pairs on Oct. 18 (R.L.); Keith area (MM), common on Oct. 29 (S.A.O.A. excn); Naracoorte (SE), 8 nests in patch of Pink Gum, Nov. 30 (A.A.).
- 278B. BLACKBIRD (—)
Box Tree Waterhole, Chowilla (MM), one, 4 miles inside mallee from river flats, June 24 (D.C., K.J.M.).
- *279. GROUND THRUSH (447)
Telowie Gorge (LN), one on Oct. 22 (B.G.). (See *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1969, 58). Echunga (MM), nest with two young, June 15 (J.M.).
282. CHESTNUT QUAIL-THRUSH (437)
Flinders Ras (NE), fairly common, particularly on the eastern plains, Sept. (K.J.M.).
- *284. CINNAMON QUAIL-THRUSH (439)
Lyndhurst (NE), 100+ on gibber country two miles east of, Sept. 7 (M.Bo).
286. WHITE-BROWED BABBLER (445)
Port Stanvac (MLR), 8 on Sept. 8, in narrow strip of bush in fields of barley (M.A.C.).
289. REED WARBLER (524)
Minlaton (YP), 2 in Oct., observer's first record for area (K.T.).
290. GOLDEN-HEADED FANTAIL WARBLER (534)
Recorded from Lakes Albert and Alexandrina (MM) (sev. obs), upstream to as far as Mannum (MM), one pair, June (J.C.).

291. BROWN SONGLARK (508)

Bolivar (AP), singing as early as July 3 and as late as Feb. 14 (B.G.).

292. RUFOUS SONGLARK (509)

In contrast to 1967-68 when this species was almost completely absent, it was numerous this season, especially in the country west of the Flinders Ranges (LN)—'Whilst driving through on Sept. 9 and Oct. 22 I was hardly ever "out of sound" of this species' (B.G.). Many records, from AP, upper EP (common, Mullaguana Stn, Whyalla, Sept. 1-15—L.J.), LN, MLR, MM and lower NW. Song recorded as late as Jan. 13 (Millbrook Res. and Gumeracha (MLR)—B.G.).

293. WHITE-FRONTED CHAT (448)

Typically a southern bird, yet concurrently with the large-scale southern movement of Crimson and Orange Chats, this species moved north and was recorded, often as 'common' in areas where it had not previously been recorded by regular observers. Mullaguana Stn, Whyalla (EP), hundreds on Sept. 11-15 (L.J.); upper MM and adjacent LN, common Aug. and June; widespread; not resident in these areas; Flinders Ras and plains to east (NE), common Sept. and Feb. (K.J.M.); Manunda (LN), nesting, Sept. (G.S.). Numerous records from AP, EP, parts of MLR, lower MM and YP are probably of normal populations. See also Bird Report, 1967-68.

294. CRIMSON CHAT (449)

Commencing in the northern part of the State at least as early as Sept. 1967, this species staged a dramatic increase in numbers, eventually 'invading' almost the whole of the southern portion of South Australia, and in many areas being recorded in quite considerable numbers. Very common in the upper LN and NE by mid-1968 (see Bird Report, 1967-68), the main southern movement appears to have occurred during September, although a few may have arrived earlier. Crimson Chats were recorded in southern Eyre and Yorke Peninsulas, on islands off the coast—Pearson Is. and Kangaroo Is., they were observed flying across Spencer Gulf, and dead birds were washed ashore at Glenelg (AP); they occurred throughout the Adelaide Plains, including the northern edge of Adelaide suburbs, and at various places in the Mount Lofty Ranges; in the Murray Mallee they were recorded

as far east as Pinnaroo, and in the South East as far south as Lochaber. Breeding was recorded in most areas. Most reports were for 1968, but Crimson Chats were still common in some areas—eg. upper MM and LN in mid-1969.

295. ORANGE CHAT (450)

This species also moved south in 1968, but not in such large numbers, nor did it extend as far as the Crimson Chat. Records are from many localities in AP, LN, MM and NE. There were no reports from EP, KI, MLR, SE or YP, nor from MM south of Milang-Langhorne Ck area. The species was still being recorded in most areas in mid-1969.

A full report on the recent movements of the three species of Chat is now in preparation.

*296. GIBBER BIRD (452)

Lyndhurst (NE), 3 within quarter mile of hotel, Sept. 7 (M.Bo).

*298. CHESTNUT-BREASTED WHITEFACE (468)

Nonning (E.P.), one in gibber country, June 19 (M.J.A.); Myrtle Springs Stn (NE), nesting July 26 (G.B.R.). See *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1969, 98.

*300. WHITE-THROATED WARBLER (453)

Happy Valley Res. (MLR), singing Dec. 11 (B.G.).

302. WEEBILL (464)

Belair Nat. Pk (MLR), 3 on March 8 (J.C.), several on June 29 (B.G.).

304. STRIATED THORNBILL (470)

"Currawong," Salt Ck (MM), and Mesent Nat. Pk (MM), common, Sept. (B.R.). This is probably the western limit of the South-East population of this and the following species.

306. BUFF-TAILED THORNBILL (484)

Milang area (MM), rec. in scrub 4 miles west of, March 15-16 (J.P.); "Currawong," Salt Ck (MM), common Sept. 7-14 (B.R.). See note under 304.

307. SLENDER-BILLED THORNBILL (482-3)

Port Arthur (YP), 4 in mangroves and undergrowth, Feb. 23 (P.T.).

311. SPOTTED SCRUB-WREN (491)

Flinders Is. (EP), common, July (J.E.); Jan. (J.P.).

313. SHY GROUND-WREN (499)
Wilpena Pound (NE), 2 on Aug. 6; white spot on wing clearly seen (H.H.).
316. RUFOUS BRISTLE-BIRD (521)
Salt Ck (MM), one, two miles south of; Younghusband Pen. (MM), possibly one in coastal wattle, Sept. (B.R.).
- *320. STRIATED GRASS-WREN (513)
Comet Bore (MM), 3+ on April 26 (J.H.).
- *321. SOUTHERN EMU-WREN (526)
Finniss Swamp (MM), rec. March 15-16 (J.P.); Younghusband Pen. (MM), fairly numerous near Murray Mouth, March 2 (S.A.O.A. excn.).
325. BLACK-BACKED WREN (530)
Recorded north to Lilydale, Spring Dam (K.J.M.) and Manunda (all LN) (S.A.O.A. campout), and south as far as Bowhill (MM), 8 pairs plus family parties, Oct. 10 (R.L.).
330. GREY FANTAIL (361)
Minlaton (YP), common, winter months only (K.T.).
337. SCARLET ROBIN (380)
Murray Mouth (MM), one female in sandhills, April 8 (A.W.B.).
338. RED-CAPPED ROBIN (381)
Flinders Is. (EP), common, July (J.E.), Jan. (J.P.); Pearson Is. (EP), common, Jan. 7-11 (J.P.).
339. FLAME ROBIN (382)
Finniss (MM), present until at least Aug. 14 (C.E.), recorded again on April 30 (R.E.).
- *340A. ROSE ROBIN (384)
Belair Nat. Pk (MLR), one male, singing, Aug. 13 (B.G.); Beaumont (AP), one uncoloured bird seen May 21, captured June 28 and identification confirmed (J.P.). See *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1968, 56 and 1970, 213.
- *345. RED-LORED WHISTLER (402)
Comet Bore (MM), at least 6, April 25-27 (D.H.C., R.B. et al.).
- *352. WESTERN WHIPBIRD
Seal Bay (KI), one on Feb. 18 (D.D.); Cape de Couedic (KI), heard on April 7 (R.S.); Comet Bore (MM), 3 on April 27 (M.Gr., H.H.)—see *S.A.O.A. Newsletter*, June 1969, p. 20; Pondalowie Bay (YP), song almost continuous; one singing from top of a dead shrub, Jan. 25-27 (B.G.), seen on June 15 and heard at Royston Head and Brown's Beach (S.W.).
- *355. RUFOUS TREECREEPER (556)
Buckleboo (EP), 3 on June 24 (M.J.A.).
364. SILVEREYE (573-5)
Flinders Is. (EP), common July (J.E.), Jan. 6-7 (J.P.); Pearson and Dorothea Is. (EP), 2-400, the most common land bird, Jan. 7-11 (J.P.); southern YP, very common in coastal scrub, Jan. 26-27 (K.J.M.); Minlaton (YP), common, except Sept.-Jan. (K.T.).
- *366. BLACK HONEYEATER (589)
Sturt Vale (LN), rec. Oct. (J.E.).
- *367. PIED HONEYEATER (602)
Lilydale (LN), 4 (incl. 2 young) on Oct. 12 (K.J.M.); Mutooroo (LN), a few, Nov. 3 (C.B.); Manunda (LN), rec. Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); Martin's Well (NE), 2 on Sept. 1; Koonamore (NE), 6 on Sept. 15 (K.J.M.); Muloorina Stn (NE), 3 pairs, Nov. 2 (R.O.R.).
370. YELLOW-FRONTED HONEYEATER (623)
Oulnina Pk, Manunda (LN), 8+, incl. a pair feeding a Pallid Cuckoo, Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); Yankaninna (NE), fairly common in mallee (K.J.M.).
372. PURPLE-GAPED HONEYEATER (572)
Waikerie High School (MM), small groups of ca 5 birds, July 4 (M.A.); 8 miles west of Waikerie (MM), rec. Aug. 23 (I.C.).
375. YELLOW-PLUMED HONEYEATER (622)
Flinders Is. (EP), one, July (J.E.).
379. WHITE-NAPED HONEYEATER (578)
Two miles south of Waikerie (MM), rec. Sept. 8 (B.W.); Marne R. mouth, Wongulla (MM), one on July 7 (M.A.C.).
382. CRESCENT HONEYEATER (630)
Waikerie (MM), one on July 12 (C.H., B.G.H.).
383. YELLOW-WINGED HONEYEATER (631).
Waikerie (MM), one resident throughout winter 1968; south of Lowbank (MM), one in a home garden, Aug. 22 (K.J.M.).
384. WHITE-FRONTED HONEYEATER (594)
Flinders Is. (EP), at least 2 pairs, July (J.E.); Sleaford Mere (EP), rec. Nov. 10

(J.P.); edge of Nullarbor Plain (NW), rec. Sept. (R.El.); Billiat Reserve (MM), numerous, May 18 (K.J.M.); Comet Bore (MM), very common, April 26; one fledgeling being fed (R.B. et al.); Gammon Ranges (NE), common, Sept. (K.J.M.). Several other records of small numbers from LN and upper and lower MM, at all times of year (sev. obs).

385. TAWNY-CROWNED
HONEYEATER (593)

Flinders Is. (EP), several, July (J.E.).

389. EASTERN SPINEBILL (591)

Waikerie (MM), one in garden, July 12 (K.J.M.).

394. LITTLE FRIAR-BIRD (646)

Manunda Stn (LN), one, July 1-2; sick, eventually taken by cat (G.S.).

398. SPINY-CHEEKED HONEYEATER
(640)

Beaumont (AP), one at observer's home, Aug. 31 (D.P.).

398A. GOLDFINCH (—)

Recorded at Kellidie Nat. Pk, Elliston and 10 miles west of Pt Lincoln (EP) on Jan. 5-12 (J.P.); Duffields Well, Mutooroo (LN), a few on Sept. 18 (C.B.); Mt Bryan (LN), common in areas with European shrubs and trees (K.M.).

403. ZEBRA FINCH (653)

Eastern LN, very common throughout year (K.J.M.); Manunda (LN), common Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); Waikerie (MM), 1-200 wild birds feed in garden throughout year; plains east and north of Flinders Ras (NE), common Sept. and Feb. (K.J.M.).

403A. HOUSE SPARROW (—)

Flinders Is. (EP), very common, July (J.E.), Jan. 6-7 (J.P.); Pearson and Dorothea Is. (EP) 20 and 6 resp., Jan. 7-11 (J.P.).

403C. STARLING (—)

Flinders Is. (EP), about 100, July (J.E.), very common Jan. 6-7 (J.P.); Pearson and Dorothea Is. (EP), 40, Jan. 7-11 (J.P.).

403D. INDIAN MYNA (—)

Kilburn (AP), maximum number counted leaving communal roost, 30 on April 13. A banded bird, held captive since April 29, 1964, was released back into the flock on Jan. 29 and was still present on April 13. The only known breeding pair at Sefton Park (AP) has now disappeared (R.F.B.).

404. OLIVE-BACKED ORIOLE (671)

For an account of first recorded South Australian breeding, plus all known S.A. records, see *S. Aust. Orn.*, 25, 1970, 195-200.

405. MAGPIE-LARK (415)

American R. (KI), Nov. 1-22, 10 birds (M.E.G.).

406. APOSTLE BIRD (675)

Royal Adelaide golf course (AP), a party, Dec. (M.C.); numerous records from the upper Murray (MM) and station country to north (MM, LN) by K.J.M. et al. These include—Cadell (MM), 2 groups totalling about 20 birds present throughout year (K.J.M.) and 3 miles south of Baramera (MM), ca 20 on Aug. 19; flew in from northerly direction; observer's first record for area (B.S.).

407. WHITE-WINGED CHOUGH (693)

Para Wirra Nat. Pk (MLR), 20+, Sept. 29 (S.A.O.A. excn); Millbrook Res. (MLR), 8 on Feb. 2 (B.G.).

408. WHITE-BREASTED

WOOD-SWALLOW (543)

Oakbank (LN), 12 on Jan. 9 (K.J.M.); Mutooroo (LN), nest with 2 young, Feb. 3 (C.B.); L. Merreti (MM), 6 on Feb. 16 (D.C., R.G.); Muloorina Stn (NE), 6 on Nov. 2 (R.O.R.).

409. MASKED WOOD-SWALLOW
(544)

Flinders Ras (LN, NE), common, Sept. (K.J.M.); Manunda (LN), 30+, Oct. 11-14 (S.A.O.A. campout); Oakbank, Mutooroo, etc. (LN), only a few in Jan. (K.J.M.); Berri (MM), many thousands, Sept. 21 (R.G.); Waikerie area (MM), 50-100 in Nov. (K.J.M.); Langhorne Ck (MM), 14+ on Oct (E.A., M.J.A.); Chauncey's Line (MM), dozens breeding in fenceposts on Jan. 1 (E.A.); "Maroona," near Keith (MM), first sighted Nov. 10 (C.D.E.).

410. WHITE-BROWED

WOOD-SWALLOW (545)

Boolgun (MM), 100+ on April 20; Manunda (LN) to Morgan (MM), hundreds, April 25-27. Only small numbers recorded in Spring 1968 (K.J.M.); Chauncey's Line (MM), dozens breeding in fenceposts on Jan. 1 (E.A.); Keith (MM), first sighted Nov. 2, 100+ on Nov. 22 (M.M., M.G.); "Maroona," near Keith (MM), first sighted Nov. 10 (C.D.E.).

411. BLACK-FACED

WOOD-SWALLOW (546)

Milang area (MM), present until at least Sept. 1 (L.C., R.R.).

412. DUSKY WOOD-SWALLOW (547)

Ramco Lagoon and elsewhere (MM), July-Aug. Quite a common bird in some places recently (K.J.M.).

417. AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE (705-7)

The dividing line between the Black-backed and White-backed forms passes roughly through Yunta, Ketchowla (LN), Morgan, Mantung, Halidon and Gurrui (MM). Hybrids occur within 10-15 miles of this line (K.J.M.).

ADDENDUM:

Since the preparation of this report the following has come to hand.

Ford, Julian (1971), Distribution and taxonomy of southern birds in the Great Victoria Desert, *Emu* 71, 27-36.

Species recorded in the South Australian portion during 1968-69 were: Scarlet-chested Parrot.

Brown Flycatcher (= Jacky Winter).

Rufous Treecreeper.

Grey Currawong.

Australian Magpie.