

south-east at about 3 feet above the water, and continued north-west towards Cape du Couedic about 8 miles away. There was a light northerly wind at the time. Lipson Reef is so small that anything above a low swell breaks over it; and land birds probably could not use it. Where did the Stubble Quail come from? Was it migrating from the South-East of S.A.?—N. R. SWANSON.

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**STUBBLE QUAIL AT SEA** —While in a boat by Lipson Reef, which is almost 8 miles south of Kangaroo Island, at 07.30 on November 9, 1973, I saw a Stubble Quail *Coturnix pectoralis*. It flew towards the boat from the