

faintly but generally barred underneath. The crown was darker with a median pale streak, eye dark brown, legs pale and apparently pinkish.

The Brown Quail, *Coturnix ypsilophorus*, is recorded infrequently in South Australia. Condon lists it as rare: Cox and Eckert have failed to record it in the Mannum and Langhorne Creek districts respectively and only 3 reports have been made in the Annual Bird Report since 1964. It is conceivable that the present observation is of an aviary escapee, though there is no reason to assume this to be the case, especially in view of the prominence of quail of several species in the State at the present time. Suitable habitat is present in swampy ground near Willunga, with water persisting more than normally in creeks and swamps after the 1974 Winter. It is assumed that the bird observed was travelling between swamps, of which there are several in the vicinity. — A. B. BLACK.

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**RECORD OF THE BROWN QUAIL AT WILLUNGA** — At 19.00 on December 26, 1974, a large quail was seen from the car at 20-30 feet: it was on the edge of a dirt road bordered by tall grass about 1.5 km. south of Willunga. Observed for about 9 minutes before flying into the grass the bird was generally brown, indistinctly mottled on the back and