

BIRD REPORT, 1973-74

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Brian Glover, who has compiled all previous bird reports back to 1964, has decided that it is time for someone else to take over this work. Most previous reports have been compiled on a July-to-June annual basis. Nick Reid has offered to compile future reports on a Jan.-to-Dec. annual basis, starting with the 1975 report. This left the period July 1973 to Dec. 1974 uncovered; and as a consequence I was engaged at very short notice to compile a report for this period.

With very large numbers of records being submitted it is impossible to list them all. I understand that Nick is planning a new style for future reports. It is hoped this stopgap report is of a standard comparable with those of its predecessors and successors. My broad aim has been to list all unusual records and those from areas we know little about. Previously published records are not repeated, but merely referred to so as to give full coverage for the period.

Records for the second half of 1974 had not been transferred to index cards, so that I had to wade through many original notes and record sheets. Therefore some important records for that period may have been overlooked and if so, I apologise to the observers concerned.

During July 1973 to December 1974 the following species not previously reported in South Australia were recorded: Northern Giant Petrel, Snow Petrel, Mottled Petrel and Spangled Drongo. Details of all these have already been published.

Papers concerning the period 1973-4, and available to me, were:

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- DELROY, L. (1974). Birds of the Investigator Group with a special reference to Flinders Island, *ibid* 26: 167.
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- McNAMARA, E. and M. S. (1975). The Western Warbler sighted in the Mt. Lofty Ranges, *ibid* 11.
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- REID, N. (1975). The Western Warbler on Eyre Peninsula, *ibid* 6-8.
- SWANSON, N. R. (1974). Stubble Quail at sea, *ibid* 26: 145.
- TEMPLETON, M. T. (1975). Fuscous Honeyeater near Laura, *ibid* 27: 11-12.
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- VINCENT, D. (1975). Unusual magpie behaviour, *ibid* 21.

LIST OF OBSERVERS

Below is a key to abbreviations of observers names, again it is regretted if any persons have been missed.

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INTERPRETATION OF THIS REPORT

Nomenclature used is that of *A Field List of the Birds of South Australia* (1976) S.A.O.A. Most records are preceded by an abbreviation of the relevant region. A map showing these regions and a key to the abbreviations is given on page 16 of the above field list. This list is available from the S.A.O.A. (80c).

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EMU *Dromaius novaehollandiae*

MM: Woolpunda, 21/10/73, adult with half-grown chicks (MPT). SE: Wratonbully, 17/1/74, adult with 15 half-grown chicks (RA); Fairview C.P. and Jip Jip C.P., 15/5/74 (JBP). LN: NE pastoral land, 4/74, 8 adults with 12 chicks (KJM); Manunda, 4/74, 326 in one flock (FGS). FR: Wilpena Pound and 8 km north of Hawker, 1974 (DV). EP: 28 km north of Angle Swamp, 14 km north of Scrubby Hill, Buckleboo, Thurlga and Scrubby Peak — Connical Hill, 8/73 (JBP). Introduced birds KI: Rocky River, 11/73 (RWC).

THICK-BILLED PENGUIN

Eudyptes pachyrhynchus

KI: On rocks at Cape St. Albans, 22/7/73, one specimen minus the hind part of body — the legs were present but nothing beyond. Apparently bitten off by a seal or other predator. Carcase sent to S.A. Museum (AFL).

LITTLE PENGUIN *Eudyptula minor*

MO: 400 m off Glenelg, 17/6/74, 8-12 (RGA); 10 km west of Brighton, 18/3/74, 3 (JBC, DV); at sea Victor Harbor — Newland's Head — Cape Willoughby — Backstairs Passage, 14-17/5/74, common (DHC, JBC); off Waitpinga, 21/7/74, 1; 14/9/74, 4; 21/9/74, 5 (JBC). Beach derelicts: Brighton, 20/7/74, 1; Adelaide Beaches, 23/9/74, 2 (JBC).

AUSTRALIAN LITTLE GREBE

Tachybaptus novaehollandiae

EP: Pandurra, 28/2/74, a pair hatched 6 chicks on dam at homestead (PAL); Middleback Stn., 11/73 (MJG); 30 km north of Angle Swamp, 24-28/8/73, (JBP); 8 km north of Nonning, Ucarro Dam, Bittali Dam, 27-29/8/73, a few at each locality (JBP). LN: 6 km south-east of Hoyleton, 5/5/74, 3 in breeding plumage (LP); Koonamore, 28/5/74, 2 (ALF); 14 km south of Peterborough, 4-7/9/73 (LJ); Clare, 26/4/74, one on dam in town (LP); south of Burra, 1974 10plus (DV). KI: dam near Flinder's Chase, 21-30/11/73 (RWC). MLR: Waite Institute dam, 10/11/73, pair hatched 3 chicks; 13/1/74, same pair with 5 chicks (JS); Julia, near Eudunda, 16/6/74, 4 (KE). NE: Farina railway dam, 3/8/73, 2 (MJA); Cooper's Creek, 73/74, widespread in small numbers (KJM). Also see Black (1975: 196).

HOARY-HEADED GREBE

Podiceps poliocephalus

KI: Rocky River, 21-30/11/73, on a dam (RWC). AP: Bolivar, 25/7/73, 100 on effluent

lagoon (WEM). EP: Middleback Stn., 8 (MJG). Also see Paton (1975: 184).

GREAT-CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

MM: Mosquito Point, 22/12/73, 1 (JBC); on Murray near Black Hill, 20/11/73, 1 (JBP); east of Morgan Punt, 12/2/74, K. Loffler (per KJM). SE: Bool Lagoon, 5/10/74, 7 (RA).

WANDERING ALBATROSS

Diomedea exulans

MO: 9 km south of Cap du Couedic, 1/11/73, 1 (NRS). Beach derelict EP: Elliston, 19/8/74 (AL).

BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS

Diomedea melanophrys

MO: Recorded KI seas and waters east to Goolwa during July, Sept., (JBC) Oct., (HF) and Nov. (NRS) 1973 with maximum of 100 plus off Cape Hart on 31/7/73 (DHC, JBC, JH); Recorded in same region April, May, July, Aug. and Sept. (DHC, JBC, JH) 1974 with maximum of 82 on 14/9/74. One off Aldinga 2/9/73 (JBC). Beach derelict Thistle Island, 1/12/74 (CG). See Cox (1976: 35-37).

YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS

Diomedea chlororhynchus

MO: Recorded KI waters east to Goolwa during July, Aug., Sept. (JBC), Oct. (JBC, HF) and Nov. (NRS) 1973 with maximum of 12 off Newland's Head on 20/10/73 (JBC). In same area during April, May, (JBC, DHC) July, Aug. and Sept. (JBC, JH) 1974 with maximum of 42 off Newland's Head on 21/7/74 (JBC). Gulf St. Vincent: Brighton, four on 8/8/73 and one 26/9/73 (JBC); Rapid Bay, one on 16/5/74 (DHC, JBC); Aldinga, single birds on 12/8/74 and 5/9/74 (JBC). See Cox (1976:38).

GREY-HEADED ALBATROSS

Diomedea chrysostoma

See Cox (1976: 37-38).

SHY ALBATROSS *Diomedea cauta*

MO: 9 km south of Cap du Couedic, 1/11/73, three (NRS). Waitpinga, one on 4/7/73 (JBC), one 6/9/74 (JBC, JH), one 8/9/74 (JBC), six on 14/9/74 (JBC) and three 15/9/74 (JBC, JH, NCR). Also see Cox (1976: 34-35).

SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL

Macronectes giganteus

See Cox (1976: 43).

NORTHERN GIANT PETREL

Macronectes halli

See Cox (1976: 43-44).

ANTARCTIC FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialisoides*

See Cox (1976: 44-47).

SNOW PETREL *Pagodroma nivea*

See Cox (1976: 48-49).

CAPE PETREL *Daption capense*

MO: Brighton, one on 8/8/73 (JBC); Waitpinga, one on 14/9/74 (JBC). Beach derelicts: Henley Beach 20/7/74, Aldinga on 5/9/74 and 9/9/74 (JBC); and 11/8/74 (JD); Normanville 10/11/74 (DOS). Also see Cox (1976: 47-48).

GREAT-WINGED PETREL

Pterodroma macroptera

See Cox (1976: 49).

WHITE-HEADED PETREL

Pterodroma lessoni

See Cox (1976: 53).

KERGUELEN PETREL

Pterodroma brevirostris

See Cox (1976: 53-56).

MOTTLED PETREL *Pterodroma inexpectata*

See Paton (1974).

BLUE PETREL *Halobaena caerulea*

See Cox (1976: 57).

FAIRY PRION *Pachyptila turtur*

Beach derelicts: 2 at Henley Beach on 2/8/73 (JBC); one at Waitpinga on 28/7/74 (JH, JBC); singles at Aldinga on 25/8/74 and 23/9/74 (JBC).

THIN-BILLED PRION *Pachyptila belcheri*

Beach derelicts: Waitpinga, one on 20/7/73 (AG, DHC, JBC) and one on 28/7/74 (DV); Brighton, one on 1/8/73 and two on 2/8/73 (JBC); West Beach, one on 27/7/74 (JBC).

DOVE PRION *Pachyptila desolata*

Beach derelicts: Aldinga, one live bird on 20/7/73 (AG, DHC, JBC), one 8/9/73 (JBC); Brighton, three on 1/8/73, two on 9/8/73 and one on 18/9/73 (JBC); West Beach, eight on 2/8/73 (JBC).

MEDIUM-BILLED PRION

Pachyptila salvini

Beach derelicts: Aldinga, one on 1/8/73 (DHC, JBC), one on 2/9/73, one on 8/9/73 and one on 25/8/74 (JBC); Brighton, eight on 1/8/73, one on 4/8/73, one on 28/8/73 (JBC); West Beach, eight on 2/8/73 (JBC).

BROAD-BILLED PRION *Pachyptila vittata*

See Cox (1976: 60).

FLESHY-FOOTED SHEARWATER

Puffinus carneipes

MO: At sea north-west of Wedge Island, five on 20/2/74 (DHC); seen from the M.V. 'Troubridge' in Gulf St. Vincent on 21 and 30/11/73 (RWC); 12 km west of Brighton, one on 18/3/74 (DV, JBC); Brighton, six on 7/11/73; one on 2/12/73; Waitpinga, two on 18/12/74 (JBC). Also see Cox (1976: 64-65).

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER

Puffinus tenuirostris

See Cox (1976: 66-67 and 76).

FLUTTERING SHEARWATER

Puffinus gavia

See Cox (1976: 67 and 75).

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL

Oceanites oceanicus

MO: 2 km west of Cap du Couedic, 17/1/74 (NRS). Also see Cox (1976: 68).

WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL

Pelagodroma marina

Beach derelict, Port Elliot, 13/4/74, K. Preiss (per JBP). Port Lincoln, one on 20/2/74 (DHC).

AUSTRALIAN PELICAN

Pelecanus conspicillatus

KI: American River, 8/4/74, 20 (DGP); NE: Cooper's Creek, Aug. 1973 plentiful (KJM); Lake Eyre, 15/10/74, large breeding colony on Silcrete Island in Belt Bay (RJW). FR: Oraparina H.S., 10/6/74, 20 plus flying north-east (HB).

AUSTRALIAN GANNET *Sula serrator*

Many reports of birds in coastal waters; records for every month. Maximum numbers: 72 off Waitpinga on 21/7/74 (JBC), 25 between Dangerous Reef and Pt. Marsden on 20/2/74 (DHC).

BLACK CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

MM: Salt Lagoon, 27/10/73, about 200 nests in use (DHC).

LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT

Phalacrocorax sulcirostris

MM: Salt Lagoon, 27/10/73, about 300 nests (DHC); a few kilometres north of Mannum, 19-23/11/73, about 60 nests in *E. camaldulensis* (JBP).

DARTER *Anhinga melanogaster*

NE: Muloorina H.S., 8/10/74, female in tree at waterhole (RJW); Innaminka, 23/10/74, 6 (LP).

WHITE-NECKED HERON *Ardea pacifica*

MM: Monarto south, one on 24/6/74 (AHD). AP: Bolivar, two on 11/9/73 (WEM).

CATTLE EGRET *Ardeola ibis*

MM: Salt Lagoon, 4 on 16/11/73 (MB) and 5 on 26/1/74 (DHC, JBC). KI: Antechamber Bay, one with cows on 20/8/73 (AFL). SE: Bool Lagoon, seven on 29/9/73 and 14 on 24/5/74 (RA). MLR: 6 km east of Birdwood, one on 4/11/73 (JD).

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, 15 on 19/10/74 (JBC).

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*

YP: Near Maitland, one caught in harvester on 25/9/73 (SM).

STRAW-NECKED IBIS

Threskiornis spinicollis

MM: Boggy Lake, probably about 600 nests in use on 27/10/73 (DHC).

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

AP: Semaphore Causeway, one on 14/12/73 (MKK).

PLUMED TREE-DUCK *Dendrocygna eytoni*

SE: Lucindale Rd., Naracoorte, 15 on a swamp on 29/9/73 (RA).

BLACK SWAN *Cygnus atratus*

EP: Pandurra, 3/3/74, 12 pairs nested on island in lake and 120 birds were counted (PAL); Angle Swamp, pair with cygnet on 28/8/73 (JBP).

FRECKLED DUCK *Stictonetta naevosa*

EP: Middleback Dam, four on 10/11/73 (MJG). MM: Mosquito Point, one found dead on 22/12/73 (DHC, JBC).

BLUE-WINGED SHOVELER *Anas rhynchotis*

AP: Brighton, nine birds swimming in the sea during a strong wind on 1/2/74 (JBC). KI: Lashmar Lagoon, four on 13/1/74 (JD). EP: North Artaming Dam, two in Sept. 1973 (MJG); Angle Swamp, two in Aug. 1973 (JBP); Uno, one on 30/12/73 (DHC, JBC).

PINK-EARED DUCK

Malacorhynchus membranaceus

EP: Middleback Dam, numbers breeding in lignum swamp (MJG). MLR: Myponga Reservoir, one on 8/9/74 (DHC, JBC, NCR).

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE

Elanus caeruleus

NE: Cooper's Creek Ferry, four on 20/10/74; Mt. Gason Bore, two on same date; one 140 km

south of Birdsville on 21/10/74; one 75 km SSW of Innaminka and one 48 km south of Moomba on 24/10/74 (LP).

LETTER-WINGED KITE *Elanus scriptus*

NE: Patchawarra Bore, 58 km north of Innaminka, a flock of c.50 disturbed from trees about mid-day on 23/10/74 (LP).

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans*

Many reports from northern districts; 6-8 at McLaren Vale, MLR, on 31/10/73 (SW).

BLACK-BREASTED KITE

Hamirostra melanosternon

NE: Clayton Stn., one dark phase bird on 6/8/73 (MJA): The Frome, 1 km west of Muloorina Stn., one bird on 17/10/74 and 21/10/74 (LP).

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

Several reports from southern coastal districts; St. Vincent Gulf records: single birds at Aldinga on 1/12/73 and 3/12/73 (AB) and Marino on 7/12/73 (JBC).

GREY FALCON *Falco hypoleucus*

MM: Single birds reported from Woolpunda on 2/2/74 (MPT), Rockleigh on 18/4/74 (RJ) and Lowbank during Nov. 1973 (KJM).

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, one on 10/2/74 (JBC). LN: Laura, one on 26/1/74 (MTT); one 9 km north-west of Yacka on 9/3/74 and one at Whitecliff on 24/4/74 (LP). One 7 km out to sea off Tunk Head circling over concentration of seabirds on 17/5/74 (DHC, JBC). MLR: Rostrevor College, Woodforde, one on 25/6/74 (JT); One near Cleland N.P. on 20/2/74 (JD); One at Waitpinga on 14/4/74 (JBC). EP: One 25 km north of Cowell on 28/4/74 (LP).

SWAMP QUAIL *Coturnix ypsilophorus*

See Pedler (1975) and Black (1975B).

PAINTED BUTTON-QUAIL *Turnix varia*

See Pedler (1975).

BROLGA *Grus rubicundus*

SE: Bool Lagoon, 100 on 2/4/74 (BG); Killanoola, 43 on 25/4/74 (RA). NE: Cooper's Creek, four Sept. 1973 (KJM).

BANDED LANDRAIL

Gallirallus philippensis

MM: Goolwa, two adults with four chicks on 6/12/73 (MSM). SE: Naracoorte Creek, nest with 10 newly hatched young on 4/11/73 (RA). MLR: One at Yankalilla on 1/9/74 (JBC).

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana fluminea*

EP: Middleback Dam, one on 1/11/73 (MJG); Pandurra, one on 2/9/73 (PAL).

AUSTRALIAN BUSTARD *Ardeotis australis*

MM: Oxford landing, between Waikerie and Morgan, one on 20/8/73 (T. G. Loffler, per KJM).

PAINTED SNIPE *Rostratula benghalensis*

Two near the Murray Valley Highway, near the Victorian border, on 23/12/73 (MBG).

MASKED PLOVER *Vanellus miles miles*

See Black (1975).

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

LN: Port Broughton, eight on 20/1/74 (LP). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, up to 12 reported from 17/11/74 to 29/12/74 (KE, JBC). Torrens Island, three on 27/12/74 (DV, JBC).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER

Pluvialis dominica

One at Aldinga Reef on 4/11/73 (MJC).

DOUBLE-BANDED DOTTEREL

Charadrius bicinctus

MLR: Aldinga Reef, three on 3/3/74 and nine on 12/3/74 (AB). SE: 5 km east of Port MacDonnell, 100 plus including many in breeding plumage on 7/7/73 (RJG).

MONGOLIAN DOTTEREL

Charadrius mongolus

YP: Price Saltfields, five on 20/1/74 and 27/1/74 (JBC, KE).

LARGE DOTTEREL *Charadrius leschenaultii*

See Black (1975C).

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

AP: Brighton, nine on 25/9/73 and one on 12/11/73 (JBC); I.C.I. Saltfields, seven on 8/10/73 (JH) and five on 18/11/73 (JBC); Torrens Island, one on 27/12/74 (DV, JBC). MLR: Aldinga, one on 3/12/73 (JBC) and one on 11/11/73 (MJC) and three on 2/12/73 (AB); Hallett Cove, one on 25/11/73 (DHC). YP: Price Saltfields, c.50 on 20/1/74 and c.40 on 27/1/74 (JBC). Stonywell Island, Coorong, one on 9/12/73 (DHC, JBC).

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, one on 18/11/73 (PAR); Torrens Island, 15 on 27/12/74 (DV, JBC). YP: Price Saltfields, one on 20/1/74 and 37 on 27/1/74 (JBC).

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

MM: Mosquito Point, 20 on 22/12/73 (JBC). YP: Price Saltfields, two on 27/1/73

(JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, five on 24/3/74 (JD).

GREY-TAILED TATTLER *Tringa brevipes*

YP: Price Saltfields, three on 20/1/74 (JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, up to four recorded from 24/10/73 to 17/3/74 (LJ, NCR, LD, JS, HF, MJC). MLR: Aldinga Reef, one on 4/11/73 and two on 2/12/73 (AB). SE: 10 km east of Port MacDonnell, one on 7/7/73 and 14/7/73 (RJG).

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

EP: Whyalla Saltfields, two on 29/12/73 (JBC); Whyalla sewerage ponds, one on 16/11/73 (GCG). YP: Price Saltfields, five on 20/1/74 (JBC) and c.20 on 27/1/74 (KE, JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, 11 on 10/2/74 (JBC), four on 31/12/73 (HF), five on 19/10/74, five on 17/11/74 and one on 29/12/74 (JBC).

COMMON SANDPIPER *Tringa hypoleucos*

Numerous reports were received, birds were seen at the following localities: Marino, Whyalla Saltfields, Cape Jervois, Waitpinga, Price Saltfields, Penneshaw KI, Goolwa, I.C.I. Saltfields, Outer Harbor, Murray Bridge, Pt. Broughton, Rocky River KI, Brighton, and Mutton Cove. Most reports were of scattered birds numbering less than five individuals.

TEREK SANDPIPER *Tringa terek*

YP: Price Saltfields, one on 27/1/74 (JBC).

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

YP: Price Saltfields, two on 20/1/74 (JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, 40 plus on 1/11/73 (LR), 30 on 10/2/74, 44 on 3/3/74, 12 on 19/10/74 and 60 on 17/11/74 (JBC).

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

YP: Price Saltfields, 70 on 20/1/74 (JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, 15 on 10/2/74 and one on 3/3/74 (JBC); Torrens Island, five on 27/12/74 (DV, JBC).

LONG-TOED STINT *Calidris subminuta*

MM: Near Salt Lagoon, three on 26/1/74 (DHC, JBC).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

Calidris melanotos

AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, single birds on 10/2/74 (JBC), 29/12/73 (NCR, DCP) and 18/1/73 (DCP).

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

MLR: Aldinga, seven on 3/12/73 (AB, JBC) and one on 23/9/74 (JBC). EP: The Knob, south of Cowell, 24 on 3/12/73 (NCR).

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

YP: Price Saltfields, 40 on 20/1/74 and 27/1/74 (JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, one on 17/11/74 (JBC).

GREAT KNOT *Calidris tenuirostris*

YP: Price Saltfields, eight on 27/1/74. AP: Torrens Island, one on 27/12/74 (DV, JBC).

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER

Limicola falcinellus

AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, single birds on 3/3/74, 10/2/74 and 29/12/74 (DHC, JH, JBC).

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax*

YP: Price Saltfields, one bird on 20/1/74 and 27/1/74 (JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, one on 30/11/73 (PAR).

JAPANESE SNIPE *Gallinago hardwickii*

MM: Mosquito Point, 15 on 22/12/73 (DHC, JBC). KI: Rocky River, two during Nov. 1973 (RWC).

SOUTHERN STONE-CURLEW

Burhinus magnirostris

MM: Woolpunda, heard calling in March, April and May 1974 (MPT). KI: 9 km from Kingscote, heard on 8-10/4/74 (DGP).

ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE

Glareola maldivarum

See Finch and Cox (1974) and Opie (1974).

AUSTRALIAN PRATINCOLE *Stiltia isabellae*

NE: Moolawatana to Frome Downs, nine on 4/10/73 (BC); Murtee H.S., three on 31/8/73; Innaminka, seven on 3/9/73 (KJM). AP: Virginia, four nesting in fallow paddock, two eggs found on 11/12/74 (TT, WEM).

GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua*

Recorded many times in Gulf St. Vincent from July 1973 to Sept. 1973; and from May 1974 to Sept. 1974. Most sightings were of single birds or pairs (JBC, DGP). Birds were seen at sea near Cape Willoughby during May 1974 (DHC, JH, JBC) and also off Waitpinga during both winters. A beach derelict was found at Henley Beach on 23/9/74 (JBC).

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Many reports of birds seen throughout the year were received, most coming from Gulf St. Vincent (DHC, JBC, JH, LP) with others from KI waters (NRS, DHC, JH, JBC), Victor Harbor and Waitpinga.

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Brighton, one on 20/10/73 and two on 2/12/73; with Arctic Skuas on both occasions, and all were light phase birds (JBC).

WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN

Chlidonias leucoptera

AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, one on 18/11/73 and 29/12/74, two on 10/2/74. YP: Price Saltfields, one on 20/1/74 (JBC).

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

MM: Mosquito Point, one on 22/12/73 (DHC, JBC). EP: Whyalla Saltfields three on 29/12/73; Myall Creek, three on 31/12/73 (DHC, JBC); 30 km east of Iron Knob, eight on 25/8/75 (NCR); Pandurra, 16/9/73, nesting colony by lake, 22 nests with eggs and one with two chicks (PAL).

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

MM: Stonywell Island, Coorong, four on 9/12/73 (JBC); Pelican Point, Coorong, one on 26/1/74 (DHC, JBC). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, one on 10/1/74 (HF). YP: Goose Island, Spencer Gulf, one on 27/12/73 (DCP).

WHITE-FRONTED TERN *Sterna striata*

The Pages Islands, north-east of Cape Willoughby, three on 14/5/74 (DHC, JBC). Details of this and other records will be published separately.

CRESTED TERN *Sterna bergii*

A bird banded on West Island on 26/12/70 landed on the deck of a Russian ship approx. 500 km WSW. (JBP).

SOOTY TERN *Sterna fuscata*

EP: Brothers Islands, Coffin Bay, a single bird seen with breeding Crested Terns in Dec. 1973-4 (CG).

DIAMOND DOVE *Geopelia cuneata*

MM: Woolpunda, two on 9/1/74 (MPT). EP: Whyalla, seen in low scrub on Mt. Laura on 27/10/73 (GCG).

SPOTTED TURTLE-DOVE

Streptopelia chinensis

KI: American River, Nov. 1973 (RWC); Lashmars Lagoon, one on 2/1/74 (VG).

GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOO

Calyptorhynchus lathami

KI: American River, Jan. 1974, M. & J. Parker (per JS).

LONG-BILLED CORELLA

Cacatua tenuirostris

SE: Naracoorte, 50 on 27/8/73 (RAM); Glen Roy, flocks of 100-200 on 20/3/74 (RA); Roocher Swamp, 4/5/74 (JBP).

RAINBOW LORIKEET

Trichoglossus haematodus

EP: 30 km west of Lock, six on 27/4/74 (LP).

REGENT PARROT *Polytelis anthopeplus*

MM: Overland Corner, recorded on a S.A.O.A. camp on 6-8/10/73; Glossop, two on 20/7/73; Cobdogla, four on 19/8/73; Waikerie, 21/8/73; Ramco, 18/10/73 and 22/8/73 (KJM).

EASTERN ROSELLA *Platycercus eximius*

AP: North Adelaide, one on 11/6/74 (EB). MLR: Stonyfell, two on 17/9/73 (MJO); National Park Belair, 9/6/74 (GCG).

BLUE-BONNET *Psephotus haematogaster*

YP: Between Edithburgh and Marion Bay, 7/2/74 (M.S.M.). MM: West Monarto, four on 24/2/74 (AB).

BOURKE'S PARROT *Neophema bourkii*

NW: North of Woomera, 12 seen in thick mulga scrub on 3/5/74 (PAL). Also see Eckert (1975).

ELEGANT PARROT *Neophema elegans*

KI: Near Flinder's Chase, Nov. 1973 (RWC). LN: 7 km east of Koolunga, one on 30/4/74 (LP); SE: Mouth of 8 mile Creek, east of Port MacDonnell, seven on 7/7/73 and 38 on 14/7/73 (RJG). FR: Kanyaka and Sacred Canyon, a pair at each locality in 1974 (DV). AP: Mutton Cove, Outer Harbor, 50 plus on 16/11/73 (JW); I.C.I. Saltfields, two on 2/12/73 (KE).

ROCK PARROT *Neophema petrophila*

YP: Pondalowie Bay, 20-30 in low cliff-top bushes on 22/11/73 (LJ).

BLACK-EARED CUCKOO

Chrysococcyx osculans

EP: Uno, one on 30/12/73 (DHC, JBC); Whyalla Norrie, one on 18/5/74 (GCG). MM: Woolpunda, one on 16/7/73 (MPT); Eremophila Flat, one on 22/6/74 (KJM). SE: Cave Rd., Naracoorte, 1/6/74 (RA). MLR: Near Mt. Barker, two on 23/3/74 (MB).

GOLDEN BRONZE-CUCKOO

Chrysococcyx lucidus

EP: Warinda Creek Reserve, one on 5/12/73 (NCR).

TAWNY FROGMOUTH *Podargus strigoides*

NW: Musgrave Range, nest with three eggs on 2/9/73 (JT, KB).

SPINE-TAILED SWIFT

Hirundapus caudacutus

SE: Cave Rd., Naracoorte, four on 23/1/74 (RA). KI: Flinder's Chase, 40 on 25-30/1/74 (HF). MLR: Waterfall Gully, two on 12/3/74 (JB); same place on same date (HF). MM:

Goolwa, three on 1/3/74 (JB). LN: Minvalara, between Peterborough and Orroroo, 100 plus on 27/1/74 (KJM).

FORK-TAILED SWIFT *Apus pacificus*

Many reports of large numbers during summer months, Dec.-Mar., from Whyalla, Salt Lagoon, Dublin, Price, Brighton, Laura, Rostrevor, Bolivar, Coobowie, I.C.I. Saltfields; largest numbers were a c10,000 birds at Laura on 30/1/74 (LP).

RAINBOW BEE-EATER *Merops ornatus*

MM: Younghusband, dozens along the Murray on 23/1/74 (KEO). MLR: 2 km south-west of Williamstown, 50 plus on 10/2/74 (KW).

SINGING BUSHLARK *Mitrafra javanica*

MM: Mosquito Point, one on 22/2/74 (DHC, JBC). LN: 8 km north of Brinkworth, c20 on 28/5/74 (LP). SE: Killanoola, 28 flushed in one paddock (RA). AP: I.C.I. Saltfields, five on 29/12/74 (JBC).

WHITE-BACKED SWALLOW

Cheramoeca leucosternum

AP: Two Wells, eight nesting burrows found on 11/11/73 (MSM). MM: Murray Bridge, two nesting in cliffs north of town on 19/8/73 (RTR).

GROUND CUCKOO-SHRIKE

Coracina maxima

MM: 9 km south of Mt. Mary, five on 17/5/74 (MR); Lowbank, three on 1/3/74 (KJM); Braeside, 28/4/74 (KJM). EP: Pandurra, a pair and nest with two chicks and one egg on 1/9/73 (PAL); 14 km east of Nonning, three adults and one nest with two chicks on 24-31/8/73 (JBP).

LITTLE CUCKOO-SHRIKE

Coracina papuensis

SE: Joanna, two on 10/10/73 (RA).

SCALY THRUSH *Zoothera dauma*

MLR: Hindmarsh Falls, one on 9/2/73 (KO); Delamere, one on 29/7/73 (KE).

CINNAMON QUAIL-THRUSH

Cinclosoma cinnamomeum

EP: 20 km north of Angle Swamp, one 24-28/8/73 (JBP).

CRIMSON CHAT *Ephthianura tricolor*

EP: Whyalla, nesting in saltbush on Mt. Laura Nov. 1973 (GCG).

WHITE-THROATED WARBLER

Gerygone olivacea

MLR: Onkaparinga Gorge, one on 18/11/73 (JAM).

WESTERN WARBLER *Gerygone fusca*

See Reid (1975) and McNamara (1975).

BUFF-RUMPED THORNBILL

Acanthiza reguloides

MM: Scorpion Wells, a few groups, 23-25/10/73 (JBP).

CHESTNUT-RUMPED HYLACOLA

Sericornis pyrrhopygius

MLR: Parson's Beach, one on 19/5/74 (MSM). FR: Alligator Gorge, 21/10/73 (JBP).

FIELDWREN *Sericornis fuliginosus*

MM: Comet Bore, one on 24/12/73 (JH, JBC). NE: 11 km north of Leigh Creek, one on 4/8/73 (MJA). KI: Cariche Stn., 20/12/73 (KT).

DUSKY GRASSWREN *Amytornis purnelli*

NW: Mt. Woodroffe, Musgrave Range, three adults and one young on 5/9/73 (JT).

FLAME ROBIN *Petroica phoenicea*

MLR: Mt. Compass, six on 29-30/6/73 and one on 20/4/74 (MSM). SE: Killanoola, 21/4/74 (RA); Donovan's Landing, Glenelg River, one on 1/7/73 (RJG). Mt. Scott N.P., Desert Downs and Mt. Monster, May 1974 (JBP).

CRESTED SHRIKE-TIT

Falcunculus frontatus

LN: 6 km north of Laura, six on 22/6/74 (MPT). Melrose, 3-5/5/74 (JBP).

WEDGEBILL *Psophodes* spp.

EP: One bird reported from Pandurra Stn. on 29/5/74 (PAL).

WESTERN WHIPBIRD

Psophodes nigrogularis

MM: Comet Bore, two seen with aid of tape-recorder on 23/12/73 (DHC, JBC).

WHITE-BROWED TREECREEPER

Climacteris affinis

LN: East north-east of Mt. Mary, one on 17/5/74 (NCR); Black Rock C.P., 20-21/10/73 (JBP). EP: 50 km north of Nonning, pair nesting in hollow bough of False Sandalwood on 28/8/73 (JBP).

PIED HONEYEATER

Certhionyx variegatus

LN: Gairloch Dam, Mutooroo, 8/9/73 (KJM).

BLACK-CHINNED HONEYEATER

Melithreptus gularis

MLR: Moon Hills, Willunga, a pair in flowering trees on 24/5/74 (INH); Altona, one on 24/5/74 (JW); Parra Wirra N.P., four on 11/2/74 (HF); 1 km north of Ashbourne, one on 11/5/74 (DHC). LN: 5 km west of Auburn, one on 5/5/74 (LP).

BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER

Entomyzon cyanotis

AP: Somerton Park, one being attacked by Noisy Miners on 13/5/74 (LD). SE: Padthaway, two on 17/4/74 (RA).

LITTLE FRIARBIRD *Philemon citreogularis*

SE: Naracoorte, one on 14/10/73 (RA).

PAINTED FIRETAIL *Emblema picta*

FR: Mt. Ward, Arkaroola, nesting, five eggs on 2/10/73 (BC). Also see Joseph (1975).

APOSTLEBIRD *Struthidea cinerea*

MLR: Waite Arboretum, four young in nest in English Elm on 10/12/73 (JS).

WHITE-BREASTED WOODSWALLOW

Artamus leucorhynchus

MM: Roonka Stn., 8 km north of Blanchetown, three on 17/3/74 (DCP).

LITTLE WOODSWALLOW *Artamus minor*

FR: Mt. Ward, Arkaroola, six on 2/10/73 (BC). NW: Mt. Woodroffe, Musgrave Range, five on 5/9/73 (JT). EP: Corunna, three pairs breeding Dec. 1974; also see Finch (1974).

SPANGLED DRONGO *Dicrurus hottentottus*

See Pedler (1974).