

NOTES

ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE IN THE LOWER NORTH — On November 23, 1975 at Porter's Lagoon, 15 km south of Burra, an Oriental Pratincole, *Glareola pratincola* was found with two Australian Pratincoles, *Stiltia isabella*, on an almost bare area at the edge of the receding lake. The Oriental Pratincole was observed for almost an hour, and during this time was approached to about 30 m, several clear colour photographs being obtained. A detailed description was written down immediately after the sighting and was agreed with by A. D. Pedler who also watched the pratincoles.

With relation to size, shape, actions and upper surface colour, this description agrees very closely with that given by Finch and Cox (*S.A. Orn.* 26:166, 1974) but also noted was a small white patch just behind each eye, while the pale greyish breast was separated from the white belly by shading of the same rich buff as the throat patch. The black line around the throat patch appeared unbroken, except for the lowest part which was either faint or absent. One photo of the bird in flight shows the underwing; the primaries, secondaries, and a few of the outer feathers of the wing lining being dark glossy grey, with two white spots at the wrist, while the rest of the underwing, including axillaries, was rich reddish-tan. The pinkish base of the dark beak was just discernible; eyes were dark, short legs pale grey, rump and forked tail white, and tail tipped with black.

This seems to be the fourth record of this species in S.A. None was seen on subsequent visits to the Lagoon on December 13, 1975 or on February 8, 1976. — L. P. PEDLER.

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