

MYIAGRA SPECIES AT BOLIVAR —

On 5 March, 1976, while lying on the front seat of my car under one of the large red gums along the eastern boundary of the Bolivar Sewage Treatment Works, I saw a flycatcher perched on top of the open door. We eyed each other for a few seconds before the bird flew off. It was re-located on overhead power lines from where it flew into another red gum. Not having binoculars I did not pursue it. The bird did not call.

The upper parts of the flycatcher were a mid- to darkish grey, and both throat and breast were of a rufous colour. These are features of two *Myiagra* species, *rubecula* and *cyanoleuca*, recorded only as vagrants in South Australia. The amount of rufous on the throat and breast make it more likely to have been a Leaden Flycatcher *M. rubecula* in female-type plumage. With Adelaide's weather having been dominated for some time by persistent easterly winds it is possible that this bird could have wandered westwards under their influence.

Another possibility is the Broad-billed Flycatcher *M. ruficollis*, but as this is sedentary and confined to the tropical mangroves and adjacent vegetation the Bolivar flycatcher is most unlikely to have been this species. —
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