

considerable surprise that on 3 August 1975 Dr. R. Britten-Jones and I saw a Red-lored Whistler, by its coloring presumably a male, in mallee seven km east of the Sandleton Post Office.

We have visited this general area regularly for more than 20 years without previously recording this species. Surprisingly the Gilbert Whistler *P. inornata*, almost always recorded, was not seen this visit. Also of interest is that we also made our first records of the Southern Scrub-robin *Drymodes brunneopygia* and Striped Honeyeater *Plectorhyncha lanceolata* for this area, although we had previously recorded the former species a few kilometres further east.

Field notes:— a typical Whistler with rufous lores contiguous with a similarly colored throat and a rufous abdomen. It was under observation from close range through binoculars for several minutes, either hopping on the ground or sitting on conspicuous perches low to well up in mallees three metres or so in height. No calls were heard.  
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**THE RED-LORED WHISTLER NEAR SANDLETON** — As far as I am aware the only records of the Red-lored Whistler *Pachycephala rufogularis* west of the River Murray are of occasional sightings in the mallee east of Hartley. Cox (1973) during extensive observing over a wide area around Mannum, recorded the species only west of the Murray, in the Chapman Bore area. It was therefore with