

## BIRD NOTES

## DOLLARBIRD ON KANGAROO ISLAND

— One bird of this species (*Eurystomus orientalis*), not previously recorded on Kangaroo Island, was observed by me a number of times on seven different days from 21 April to 14 May, 1978. At all times it was near the homestead of Mr. T. P. Lashmar, which is situated about one kilometre back from the beach at Antechamber Bay. Mr. Lashmar drew my attention to the "strange" bird, which was somehow familiar, perched on top of a 13m. high Norfolk Island Pine. The light was not good and colours indistinguishable. However, later observations suggested that the bird was possibly immature as the bill and legs, instead of being bright red, were a dull pale brownish, and the blue and green plumage was of a more uniform sombre greenish brown. When the angle of light was most favourable there was a slight trace of pale or faded blue on the tail, which was somewhat broad and inclined to be rounded on the tip. The bird's posture when perched was rather upright, which created the impression of a solid nuggetty-type species about 24-28 cm in length. The white spot was revealed under each wing immediately it flew, and then I realized that it was a species I had observed a number of times in Queensland during the Second World War. The birds there were noted "rolling" as they left their hollows or perches, which our bird was not seen to do. This bird had three main vantage points—the Norfolk pine, the TV antenna (fixed to the chimney and just above the homestead roof), and a sheltered telephone pole, all probably less than 40 m from the house, from which it hawked its food which was not identified. However, the Dollarbird was also observed to perch in Eucalypt trees a few metres away. A number of slides, not yet processed, were taken—  
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