

## MORE RECORDS OF THE WHITE-THROATED WARBLER IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Previous South Australian records of the White-throated Warbler *Gerygone olivacea* were summarised in 1976 by R. F. Smyth (*S. Aust. Orn.* 27:141).

### NEW SIGHT RECORDS

On 24 July 1976 K. Thiele (pers comm.) reported a single bird at Waterfall Gully, 10 km south of Adelaide. The bird was observed in Blue Gum *Eucalyptus leucoxylon*, and was located again on 25 July, but not thereafter. On 16 October 1977 I located a single calling bird feeding amongst the outer leaves of Blue Gum at the foot of the Eden escarpment in the Anstey Hill Reserve at Tea Tree Gully in the Mount Lofty Ranges. Later on the same day N. C. H. Reid also observed the bird, and commented that the call seemed to him to be identical to that of the north Queensland bird. The bird could not be located the following day. On 24 October 1977 C. K. Pawsey (S.A.O.A.

Newsletter No. 86) reported a single bird from seven km south-west of Millicent in the South-East of the State. On 12 November 1977 P. Taylor (pers. comm.) reported a single calling bird from his house 6.5 km south-west of Nantawarra in the Mid-North of the State. The bird was observed at close quarters for an hour, and frequently gave the descending trill call during this time. On 21 to 28 November 1977 D. Rowley (pers. comm.) reported a pair of birds at a locality seven km north-west of Mt. Schank in the South-East of the State.

### MUSEUM SPECIMEN

On 29 October 1977 F. H. Sheldon and G. B. Ragless were mist-netting at Burkes Island Station near Beachport in the South-East of the State, when a specimen of the White-throated Warbler flew into the mist net and died before it could be released. This specimen, the first for the State, is now in the South

Australian Museum's collection and is recorded with the following data.

*GERYGONE OLIVACEA OLIVACEA*

Reg. No. B31107

Wing 58 mm, tail 42 mm, culmen, 9 mm to base of feathering, 12 mm to base of skull, tarsus 17.5 mm, skull fully pneumatized, plumage worn. The bird was mist-netted in sand dune scrub 300 m from the beach amongst specimens of *Dasyornis broadbentii*. The bird flew into the net about 0.7 m above the ground.

COMMENT

Records of this bird in South Australia fall into two groups.

- Spring and summer records covering the period September to February, including breeding records. During this period the bird has been observed in the South-East of the State and in the southern Mt. Lofty Ranges regularly, and from a location 100 km north of Adelaide on one occasion.
- Winter records are confined to two observations, one in the suburbs of Adelaide, and one 85 km north of Adelaide.

The bird seems to be a more or less regular migratory visitor to the South-East of the State and to the southern parts of the Mount Lofty Ranges. The winter records are more difficult to explain. The bird is nomadic over some of its normal range, and perhaps we may expect occasional records from any time of the year in the wetter parts of the State.

GAZETTEER

Waterfall Gully	S 35° 00' Lat.	E 138° 36' Long.
Adelaide	S 34° 56' Lat.	E 138° 36' Long.
Tea Tree Gully	S 34° 50' Lat.	E 138° 43' Long.
Millicent	S 37° 36' Lat.	E 140° 21' Long.
Nantawarra	S 34° 00' Lat.	E 138° 14' Long.
Mt. Schank	S 37° 56' Lat.	E 140° 44' Long.
Beachport	S 37° 29' Lat.	E 140° 00' Long.

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