

## BIRD REPORT, 1976

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## INTRODUCTION

My aim in the preparation of this report has differed somewhat from that of previous compilers. Like them I have given priority to documenting information from little known areas (e.g. the North-West) and listing unusual records. However, I was not prepared to include unsubstantiated sightings of the Plumed Egret *Ardea intermedia*, Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae* and Orange-bellied Parrot *Neophema chrysogaster*: records such as these should be published by the respective observers. In addition, I have attempted to document as much breeding data as possible and to cite evidence of local fluctuations in, and seasonal status of, certain mobile species.

Previously published records are generally not referred to, although due mention must be made of the noteworthy "rediscovery of the Eyrean Grasswren" *Amytornis goyderi* in the far North-East of the State (May 1977). Ian May found the species in the vicinity of Poepel's Corner in August 1976, and returned to the area accompanied by Messrs. S. A. Parker and W. Head of the SAM in September, when much ecological data were gathered. Gladly the species was found to be not uncommon over a wide range (Parker *et. al.* 1978).

## SUMMARY OF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN S.A.

South Australia experienced most unusual weather throughout 1976, with the normal regime of summer drought and winter rains being reversed over much of the State. During February, interior regions received up to eight times their average monthly rainfall, while summer rains were generally widespread throughout the State. Dry conditions prevailed over the whole State in autumn, winter and early spring. The drought broke over most of S.A. in October, when northern areas especially received heavy rains. Above average rainfall was then experienced to the end of the year.

Generally, nomadic and migratory birds were less common in 1976 than usual, with the Red-kneed Plover *Erythrogonyx cinctus* and Rufous Songlark *Cinclorhamphus mathewsi* apparently particularly scarce. Also the numbers of some species such as the Common Coot *Fulica atra* were observed to fluctuate from place to place during the year. While such birds are described at present as being nomadic or partially so, we hope that in future, their movements will be more fully understood.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE REPORT

1. Nomenclature follows *A Field List of the Birds of S.A.* (2nd ed., S.A.O.A. 1980).
2. Regions, abbreviated to their initials, and printed in *italics*, are the same as used in previous Bird Reports. A list of regions without qualification at the end of a species account indicates that the species was reported from those regions.
3. An asterisk signifies that all records of that species received for the period are listed, unless previously published.
4. Directions are represented by unbracketed capitals without full stops.
5. Observer's initials (capitals without full stops and usually bracketed) appear at the end of the relevant records.
6. Abbreviations: 'R'—River; 'I'—Island; 'NP'—National Park; 'CP'—Conservation Park; 'SF'—Saltfields; 'St.F.'—State Forest; 'HS'—Homestead; 'Stn'—Station; 'R.S.'—Railway Siding; 'Rgs'—Ranges; 'Br.'—Breeding records to follow; 'first' and 'last' refer to the first and last records of migratory species.

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## EMU

Br.: *SE* Stewart's Range, seven nests with clutches of six to 10 eggs, 21 Aug. (AA)—*cf.* Attiwill (1972: 59).

*LN* several feathers caught on a barbed wire fence near Terowie on 29 Sep. (LP). *YP* 16 km W Warooka, two on 7 Mar. (KE). *NW*, *NE*, *FR*, *EP*, *MM*.

## GREAT CRESTED GREBE

Imperial Lake, Broken Hill (N.S.W.), two on 21 Oct. (J. Demidowicz).

*MM* Cattle I, Coorong, c 100 on 20 Dec. (JB). *AP* Patawalunga Ck, one on 8 Oct. (BG). *MLR* Millbrook Reservoir, one on 15 Dec. (NR). *NE*, *SE*.

## AUSTRALASIAN GREBE

Br.: *NE* Plumbago Stn, a nest with two eggs (JG). *AP* a pair mated on a weed platform in the Torrens R. on 6 Nov. (RW).

## WANDERING ALBATROSS\*

*MLR* Waitpinga, one on 8 Oct. (DC).

## GREY-HEADED ALBATROSS\*

*MLR* Waitpinga, one beach-washed adult on 28 Apr. (JC).

## SOUTHERN GIANT-PETREL

First sightings: *MLR* Waitpinga, one on 27 Apr. (JC), one on 29 July (RBI, DSa). *MM* Goolwa, three and one beach-washed on 4 July (DC, JC). Last sightings: *MLR* Waitpinga, one on 20 Sep. *SE* Kingston Beach, one beach derelict on 18 Oct. (JC). *MM*, *KI*.

## NORTHERN GIANT-PETREL

*SE* Cape Northumberland, one on 17 Oct.; Cape Douglas, one on 27 Oct.—*cf.* Parker *et al* (1979). Eight records from *MLR* & *KI* regions, between 1 Aug. and 11 Sep. (JC).

## SOUTHERN FULMAR\*

*SE* Picaninnie Ponds CP, one beach derelict on 17 Oct. (JC).

## WHITE-HEADED PETREL\*

Beach derelicts from *MM* Middleton, two on 21 Mar; Goolwa, one on 7 Aug. *SE* Beachport, one on 7 Nov. *AP* West Beach, one on 9 Jun. (JC).

## AUSTRALIAN PELICAN

North-western reports from: Billa Kalina Stn, one on 3 Apr. (PL); between William Ck and Marree on 22 May (JP); two at Head of Bight on 5 Sep. (Jacqueline Galazowski). *EP* Sleaford Mere, 20 on 2 Jan.; Proper Bay, Pt Lincoln, one on 19 Jan. and eight on 26 Feb. (CG); Pt Neill, 30 flying south on 19 Aug. (TC). *NE*, *MM*, *SE*, *YP*, *AP*, *MLR*.

## DARTER

Breeding at Lake Merreti, *MM*: reported on 17 Apr., no details given (KE); 31 Aug., 11

birds and four nests seen with a total of four young in nests (RG); 11 Sep., *c* 50 birds and one nest with three large young (LJ).

#### BLACK-FACED SHAG

*EP* A breeding colony of *c* 2000 on Winceby I on 29 Mar. (CG). *AP* Hundreds breeding on the breakwater at Outer Harbor on 11 Jun. (BG).

*EP* many seen at Pt Neill on 23 Jan. (TC).

#### GREAT CORMORANT

*LN* 5 km SE Black Springs, *c* 120 on a shallow lagoon on 8 Aug. (LP). *NE*, *MM*, *SE*, *AP*, *MLR*.

#### LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT

*NE* Plumbago Stn, one or two seen intermittently, Aug.-Dec. (JG)—*cf.* Parker *et al* (1979).

#### LITTLE PIED CORMORANT

*NE* Plumbago Stn, one seen from Aug. to Sep. (JG). *LN* 7 km E Koolunga, recorded in Jan., Jul., Oct., Nov. (LP); three other records in Jan., Sep., Nov.

#### PACIFIC HERON

*NW* a record from Wynbring R.S. of one found dead on 10 May is a western extension of range in S.A. (JP). *EP* 16 km S Whyalla on 8 Oct. (TC). Late "winter" records from *MLR* & *AP*: Waite Institute Dam, one on 1 Sep. (JS); 1 km N Nairne, one on 3 Oct. (PN); Meadows, one on 29 Oct. (LD); Happy Valley Reservoir, one on 19 Nov.; Dry Ck, one on 23 Nov. (BG).

#### WHITE-FACED HERON

*NW* four May records from between Currie Ck and Ernabella, between Gidgee and Oodnadatta, between William's Ck and Marree, and Nunn's Bore (JP); 110 km N Coober Pedy, one on 24 Sep. (MC). *SE* Lochaber Swamp, 25 km NW Naracoorte, 2000 to 3000 on 27 Mar. (AA).

#### GREAT EGRET

*NE* Plumbago HS, two in July and one in Sep.-Oct. (JG), 5 km S Marree, one on 14 Oct. *FR* Arkaroola, one on 15 Oct. (LP, LJ).

#### EASTERN REEF EGRET

Scattered coastal records of single birds: *EP* Brothers I, Coffin Bay; *SE* Beachport (JC) and Southend (CC); *YP* Balgowan (JB); *MLR* from Pt Noarlunga to Waitpinga.

#### CATTLE EGRET\*

*MM* three near Milang on 16 Jun. (LD); Braeside, five on 24 Aug. (JP). *SE* Bool Lagoon, 16 on 24 Apr., 23 May, 21 on 28 Sep.; Killanoola, 21 on 23 May; Caves Rd, two on 7 Aug. (AA); Mingbool, two in May (CP).

#### RUFIOUS NIGHT-HERON

*MM* At least 50 seen along the Murray between Murray Bridge and Younghusband on 26 Aug. (RJ); 12 km E Morgan, eight on 22 Oct. (RA). *AP* one or two seen along the Torrens in the Windsor Grove, Felixstow district in Oct. & Nov. (KO, RW). *NE*, *SE*.

#### AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN\*

*SE* Mingbool, one in Mar. (RB); pair flushed from sedge in a swamp 5 km WNW Pt MacDonnell on 8 Nov. (JC, NR).

#### GLOSSY IBIS\*

*EP* Big Swamp, one on 15 May (CG). *SE* Killanoola, *c* 110 feeding in open grassland on 9 Feb. (AA).

#### SACRED IBIS

*LN* 7 km E Koolunga, one present from 28 Jan. to 17 Feb. (LP). *KI* Kingscote, *c* 17 on 29 Feb. (JP), and 7 July (JR). *MM*, *SE*, *AP*, *MLR*.

#### YELLOW-BILLED SPOONBILL

*Br*: Pellaring Flat, near Mannum, *MM*, three pairs were present on 26 Aug. and several birds seen attending nests in River Red Gums (RJ).

*FR* Arkaroola, five on 15 Oct. (LP, LJ). *LN* 8 km N Brinkworth, one on 14 Nov. (LP). *NE*, *MM*, *SE*, *AP*.

#### BLACK SWAN

*Br*: *LN* 5 km SE Black Springs, *c* 80 birds first seen on 6 Jun., and then numbers built up to *c* 375 on 24 Oct., including a pair with six young and two brooding pairs (LP). *SE* Picanninnie Pond C.P., one adult and five cygnets on 23 Oct. (LJ).

Two northern records from Lake Harry, several on 10 May (BM), and between Marree and William's Ck on 22 May (JP).

#### FRECKLED DUCK\*

*NW* Billa Kalina Stn, three on 17 Jan. (PL). *LN* Hutton's Lagoon, one on 4 Apr. (LP).

#### CAPE BARREN GOOSE

Small numbers reported from the Murray Mouth district and Bool Lagoon, *SE*, as well as *MM* *c* 80 between Langhorne's Ck and Wellington on 17 Feb. *MLR* Happy Valley Reservoir, one on 6 Jan.; Mt Bold Reservoir, one on 23 Mar. (BG); Aldinga Beach, four on 6 Mar. (LMP) and one on 11 Apr. (KE). *KI* *c* 100 in Flinders Chase on 14 Mar. (DB, MB).

#### AUSTRALIAN SHELDUCK

Two northern records: Billa Kalina Stn, two birds on a brackish waterhole on the Margaret Ck on 3 Apr. (PL); Nunn's Bore, 23 May (JP). *EP* Todd Reservoir, two on 25 Jan. (TC), *SE* 'Nyroca', *c* 200 on 12 May (AB). *KI* Rush Lagoon, *c* 350 on 28 Feb. (JP). *LN*, *MM*, *AP*.

## CHESTNUT TEAL

*NW* Carriererloo Stn, five in Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ). *EP* Big Swamp, *c* 200 on 29 March (CG). *YP* Coobowie, *c* 100 on 14 Jan. (JB). Small numbers reported from *LN*, *MM*, *SE*, *AP*, *MLR*, *KI*.

## AUSTRALASIAN SHOVELER

Small numbers (up to eight) of this uncommon duck were reported from *MM*, *SE*, *AP*, *KI* and *EP* Big Swamp, four on 15 May (CG).

## PINK-EARED DUCK\*

Recorded only once between Feb. and Nov. *LN* Oakbank Stn, four on 13 Feb. (LJ, AL). *MM* Murray Bridge Sewerage Farm, six on 21 Jan.; Boggy Lake, three on 13 Dec.; Chucka Bend, Bowhill, one on 15 Dec. (RJ). *AP* Bolivar, up to 41 in Jan., four on 10 Nov. and then up to 10 to the end of the year (BG). *MLR* Meadows, two on 29 Aug. (JBr).

## BLUE-BILLED DUCK\*

*LN* up to eight from Fisherman's Bay, Porter's Lagoon, Hutton's Lagoon, and 5 km SE Black Springs (LP). *MM* Narrung, four on 25 Aug.; Hindmarsh I, six on 23 Oct. (JP). *AP* small to moderate numbers most of the year with a maximum of *c* 50 in Feb. at Bolivar (BG).

## BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE

Reported from all districts, but LP submitted the following comment: 'Despite the number of records given for the *LN*, this species has been much less common than in early 1975'—see 1975 Bird Report (Reid 1976).

## LETTER-WINGED KITE\*

*NW* Billa Kalina Stn, one on 12 & 22 Dec. (PL). *YP* three reported from *c* 10 km N Minlaton from 10 Jan. to 11 Feb. (KT, WQ).

## BLACK KITE

Nine southerly records. *MM* Mannum district, one on 22 May and one on 6 Aug. (RJ). *SE* Beachport, one in April (CP); Killanoola, one on 28 Sep. (AA). *LN*, *AP*.

## SQUARE-TAILED KITE\*

*EP* 20 km W Pt Lincoln, one on 21 Nov. (JC).

## BLACK-BREASTED KITE\*

*NW* Lambina Stn, two on 20 May (JP, OS); Billa Kalina Stn, one very dark bird seen on 16 July and a paler bird on 29 July (PL).

## BROWN GOSHAWK

All but two of the many records were from southern districts. Breeding reported from central Monarto, *MM* on 31 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* ABB).

While not vacating the whole *MLR* region in the winter months, this species appears to be a breeding summer visitor to the Inman Valley district (*pers. obs.*), and the four records from *AP* in Feb. and Mar. may indicate movement out of the Hills.

## COLLARED SPARROWHAWK

*NW* Wynbring R.S., 10 May; Kenmore Park, 16 May (JP); Everard Ranges, two on 20 May (DC). *NE* Plumbago Stn, one in April and four in Nov. (JG). *EP*, *LN*, *AP*, *MLR*.

## WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE

Numerous records from all over the State. Three breeding records in early spring: *LN* 5 km N Ucolta, an adult feeding a white downy chick in the nest on 29 Sep. *MLR* two eggs in nests visited near Nangkita and 5 km E McLaren Flat on 18 Aug. (NR).

## LITTLE EAGLE

Many records throughout the State. *AP* Yatala, one on 16 Mar. (RG); Rose Park, Adel., one on 27 Apr. (TB); Somerton Park, Adel., one on 20 Jun. (LD). *NW*, *NE*, *EP*, *LN*, *MM*, *SE*, *MLR*.

## SPOTTED HARRIER

Bred successfully at Monarto in Nov., rearing two young (RJ).

*SE* 2 km W Millicent, one on 20 May (CP).

## BLACK FALCON

Many records from most districts, including three from suburban Adelaide: Botanic Park, one in Feb. (HF); St. Peters, one on 30 May (JR); Adelaide Oval, one on 20 Aug. (RJ).

## PEREGRINE FALCON

*LN* 7 km E Koolunga, one on 15 July; Munderoorra CP, one on 14 Nov.; Pt Broughton, one on 6 Dec. These are LP's first records for this district. Hutton's Lagoon, two on 3 Apr. (JP). Three Adelaide suburban records: Hawthorn, one on 24 Feb. (JH); Botanic Park, one in Mar. and Apr. (HF); two soaring over north parklands on 29 Dec. (JC). *NW*, *MM*, *SE*, *MLR*.

## GREY FALCON\*

*NW* Billa Kalina Stn, two on 23 Apr. (PL); one between Kingoonya and Tarcoola on 9 May (ABB); 12 km NE Mt Woodroffe, two on 11 May (JR).

## MALLEEFOWL\*

*MM* Pinnaroo, one on 23 Aug. (JP). *SE* Padthaway, one on 6 Feb. (AA); one between Cantara and Keith on 12 May (ABB). *YP* Innes NP, one on 26 Apr. (DS, LE).

## STUBBLE QUAIL

*NW*, *NE*, *EP*, *MM*, *SE*, *AP*; all 17 records fell after Aug.

**PAINTED BUTTON-QUAIL**

Northern extension of range from *FR* 50 km ESE Hawker, one on 17 Jul. (*vide* Pedler, 1975). *LN* 5 km N Oodlawirra, one on 30 Sep. (LP). *MLR* Williamstown, one on 13 Jun. (KW); Mt Bold Reservoir, two on 21 Nov. (BG). *MM*, *SE*.

**LITTLE BUTTON-QUAIL**

*NW* Five May records from Kulgera to Musgrave Rg. (evidently part of this species' wintering range), (JP, JR). *MLR* Mt Crawford St F, one on 24 Nov. (NR).

*LN* 7 km E Koolunga, one on 10 Nov. (first sighting in southern districts; late arrival—*vide* Pedler, 1975). 18 Nov., a female contained an almost fully developed egg. 14 Dec., five broods of small chicks found. 'A high mortality rate due to harvesting and barbed wire fences. Less numerous than in 1975' (LP).

**BUFF-BANDED RAIL\***

*EP* Winceby I, two on 29 Mar. (CG); Rabbit I, Coffin Bay, two seen on 1 Dec. and a skull found in Barn Owl pellets (JC). *MLR* Golden Grove, one found dead on road 12 May (JC). *SE* Naracoorte, one on 16 Oct. (Muriel Daley).

**LEWIN'S RAIL\***

*SE* Mullin's Swamp, several in Mar. (CC). *AP* Fullarton, Adel., one found dead on 21 Dec. (Rosalie Sharp).

**BAILLON'S CRAKE\***

*SE* Mullin's Swamp, one in Feb. (CC).

**SPOTLESS CRAKE\***

*LN* heard in reeds in the Broughton R, 7 km E Koolunga on 15 Dec. (LP). *SE* Mullin's Swamp, two in Feb. and Mar. (CC).

**COMMON COOT**

*EP* Todd Reservoir, 10 on 25 Jan. (TC). *LN*: Porter's Lagoon, *c* 100 on 20 Jun., *c* 500 on 8 Aug., eight on 24 Oct. (LP). In contrast, maximum numbers reported from Bolivar in Feb., Oct.-Dec. (BG). *NW*, *NE*, *MM*, *AP*, *MLR*.

**AUSTRALIAN BUSTARD\***

*NW* Oodnadatta, five in May (WB).

**SOUTHERN STONE-CURLEW\***

*EP* Thistle I, four on 15 Aug. (S.A.O.A. *per* KE). *LN* 5 km N Oodlawirra, at least two heard calling on a stormy night on 30 Sep. (NR). *SE* Wrattobully, two on 15 Aug. (AA).

**SOOTY OYSTERCATCHER**

Br.: *EP* Thistle I, a nest with three eggs found on beach on 13 Aug. (S.A.O.A. *per* KE).

Coastal records east to Goolwa, two on 24

Apr. (JP). *KI* Kingscote, *c* 200 along with *c* 200 Pied Oystercatcher on 19 Apr. (JEW).

**BANDED LAPWING**

Br.: *NE* Plumbago Stn, pair with one young bird in Jun. (JG). *EP* Thistle I, pair with four chicks on 4 Aug. (S.A.O.A. *per* KE). *LN* 8 km N Brinkworth, two pairs with four eggs each in July (LP). *SE* Bool Lagoon, two nests each containing four eggs on 27 July (AA).

*AP* seven records from Lonsdale to Dublin. *NW*, *MM*, *YP*.

**GREY PLOVER**

First *LN* Pt Broughton, eight on 12 Sep. (LP). *EP* Coffin Bay, 30 on 22 Nov. *YP* Price SF, *ca.* 150 on 1 Feb. *MLR* Aldinga Reef, three on 15 Dec. (JC).

**LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER**

Last: *AP* ICI SF, seven on 27 Mar. (JC). First: *AP* Mutton Cove, seven on 27 Sep. (BW, JW). Small numbers reported from Kellidie Bay, *EP*: to Aldinga Reef, *MLR* (JC) with an unusual record of a single bird on a freshwater lake on Carriererloo Stn, *NW*, on 8 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ).

**RED-KNEED PLOVER\***

Few records of this usually "common" (Condon 1968) bird of inland rivers and pools. *SE* Mullin's Swamp, one in Jan. (CC); a single *NE* record (Cox and Pedler 1977). *AP* Bolivar, 20 in early Jan., one on 10 Feb., two or three from Sep. to Nov. (BG).

**MONGOLIAN PLOVER\***

*EP* Baird's Bay, two on 20 Nov. (DC, NR). *YP* Price SF, five on 1 Feb. (KE, JC) and five on 18 Dec. (JC).

**DOUBLE-BANDED PLOVER\***

*AP* ICI SF, up to 18 seen from 15 Apr. to 18 Aug. *MM* Goolwa Beach, one on 5 Sep. (JC). *SE* Eight Mile Ck, one on 18 Feb. (BG).

**LARGE SAND-PLOVER\***

*EP* Baird's Bay, six on 20 Nov. (DC, NR).

**INLAND DOTTEREL**

Southern record from Collinsfield, 6 km S Redhill, *LN*, on 15 & 26 Dec. (LP). *FR* Beltana, two on 18 Apr. (DS, LE). *NW*, *NE*.

**BLACK-WINGED STILT**

Br.: *LN* 5 km SE Black Springs, *c* 35 on 24 Oct.—eight nests, two of which contained a single egg, were found in shallow water (LP). *AP* Burbridge Rd, West Beach, 20 on 20 Nov.—two chicks (MM). *NW* Nunn's Bore, 22 May (JP).

**WHIMBREL\***

*YP* Price SF, 40 on 1 Feb. (JC, KE). *AP* ICI SF, one on 27 Mar. and four on 18 Aug. (JC).

## WOOD SANDPIPER

*LN* Porter's Lagoon, one on 24 Oct. and 21 Nov. (LP). *SE* Lake Hawdon, one on 10 Nov. (JC, NR). *NE*, *MM*, *AP*.

## COMMON SANDPIPER

*MM* Goolwa Barrage, two on 4 Sep. (DC). *AP* ICI SF, six on 27 Mar. (JC); single birds recorded at Bolivar in Apr. and May. *MLR* Happy Valley Reservoir, one on 12 Feb.; Mt Bold Reservoir, three records in Mar.-Apr. (BG). *EP*, *LN*, *SE*, *YP*.

## TEREK SANDPIPER\*

*YP* Price SF, two on 18 Dec. (JC).

## LATHAM'S SNIPE

Reported in Oct.-Dec. period from *LN* 7 km E Koolunga (LP); *MM* Mosquito Point (DC), Yiddinga Swamps and Murray Bridge (RJ); *AP* Fulham (RW); *MLR* Happy Valley Reservoir (BG).

## BLACK-TAILED GODWIT

*EP* Big Swamp, four on 15 May (CG). *AP* ICI SF, 45 on 27 Mar. (JC).

## BAR-TAILED GODWIT

First: ICI SF, 15 on 5 Sep. (MR, RR). *EP* Baird's Bay, 5 Jan. (GA) and five on 20 Nov. (DC, NR); Point Longnose, Coffin Bay, eight on 22 Nov. (JC).

## RED KNOT

*NW* three on a freshwater lake on Carrierloo Stn on 9 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* RJS). *EP* Baird's Bay, *c* 35 on 19 Nov. (DC, NR). *MM* Policeman's Point, seven on 10 Nov. (JC). *YP* Price SF, 50 on 1 Feb. (JC, KE) and *c* 100 on 18 Dec. (DC).

## GREAT KNOT

*NW* Carrierloo Stn, one on a freshwater lake on 10 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* RJS). *SE* Kingston Beach, one on 6 Nov. (JC, NR). *YP*, *AP*.

## PECTORAL SANDPIPER\*

*MM* Mosquito Point, one on 26 Dec. (DC, JC). *AP* ICI SF, one present from 20 Jan. to 29 Feb. (JC).

## LONG-TOED STINT\*

*MM* Mosquito Point, two on 26 Dec. (DC, JC). *AP* ICI SF, one on 20 Jan. and 29 Feb. (JC).

## CURLEW SANDPIPER

*NW* Carrierloo Stn, one on 8 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ). *LN* Porter's Lagoon, three on 21 Nov. (LP). *YP*, *AP*, *KI*.

## SANDERLING

*MM* Goolwa Beach, 118 on 21 Mar. *SE* Kingston Beach, two on 6 Nov. (JC). *YP* Balgowan Beach, up to 50 present in March (JB).

## BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER\*

*AP* Mutton Cove, one in early Feb. (BW *et al*); ICI SF, one on 29 Feb. (JC).

## GREAT SKUA\*

*MLR* The Bluff, Victor Harbor, two on 2 Jun.; Waitpinga, one on 4 July and 11 Sep. *KI* 10 km S Cape Gantheaume, one on 26 Aug. (JC).

## POMARINE SKUA\*

*MLR* Waitpinga, one on 17 May (JC).

## SILVER GULL

*NW* Nunn's Bore, a few on 22 May (JP). *SE* Cortina Stn, more than 2000 in Oct. (AB). *AP* Bolivar, 'at least 1000 birds present throughout year, with *c* 1600 on 17 Nov.' (BG).

## WHISKERED TERN

*NW* Nunn's Bore, one on 22 May (JP). *LN* 5 km SE Black Springs, *c* 45 on 24 Oct. (LP). *YP* Pt Clinton, one on 5 Mar. (KE). *AP* Bolivar, up to 20 in Feb. and then varying numbers seen from June to Dec. with a maximum of *c* 200 in Oct. & Nov. (BG). *NE*, *MM*, *SE*.

## WHITE-WINGED TERN\*

*MM* Mosquito Point, 30 on 21 Mar. (JC). *AP* ICI SF two on 6 Feb. (DC).

## GULL-BILLED TERN

Eight spring/summer records (5 Oct.-Feb.) from *MM*, *SE* & *AP*. Records from previous Bird Reports indicate that this species visits the southern districts of S.A. irregularly and not on a seasonal basis.

## COMMON TERN\*

*MM* Mosquito Point, *c* 150 on 21 Mar.; Murray Mouth, two on 30 July (JC), (*an unusual winter record—Editor*).

## SOOTY TERN\*

*EP* Brothers I, Coffin Bay, 1 Dec. (JC).

## DIAMOND DOVE

Four records from Manning Reserve, *MLR*, including a nest found on 6 Nov. (RG, MM). The occurrence of this population is presumably due to aviary escapees.

*NW* three records in May from the Musgrave Rgs and Oodnadatta (JP, JR). *NE*.

## COMMON BRONZEWING

Br.: *FR* Beetaloo, two eggs in nest on 4 Apr. (JP).

*NW* *c* 10 between Lake Hart and Coondambo; Malbooma R.S.; two at Wynbring R.S.—9 May (JP). *NE*, *EP*, *MM*, *YP*, *AP*, *MLR*, *KI*.

## SPINIFEX PIGEON\*

*NW* 5 km N Mt Woodroffe, *c* 10 on 10 May. A nest, containing one egg and a newly hatched

chick, was found on the ground on 11 May (JR).

#### RED-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO\*

*SE* Bangham C.P., three on 18 Apr. (KT, JD); 6 km N Frances, 27 on 30 Dec. (LJ, AL). According to Mrs Mathews (*pers. comm.* 1978) of 'Ribla Park', Bangham, this species is a summer visitor to this district, usually arriving in Dec.

#### GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOO\*

*KI* American R, eight on 23 Jan. (GR); Western R, 10 on 28 Feb. (JP).

#### LONG-BILLED CORELLA

*SE* 10 km S Bordertown, *c* 70 on 4 Oct. (JC, NR). *MLR* Reynella, two of this species with *c* 400 Little Corellas on 14 Feb. (RDS)—at least 30 birds were accidentally released by N.P.W.S. in *c* 1975 (JC, *pers. comm.* 1979).

#### LITTLE CORELLA

Large flocks reported from *FR*, *MM*, *MLR* and *NE* Plumbago Stn, 500-1000 in July, and in Sep., an apparent hybrid between this species and a Galah was seen. Description: general build and call similar to corella, pink coloring on cheek, neck and breast; white undertail, galah-grey back (JG).

#### PINK COCKATOO

Small numbers only, reported west to *NW* Malbooma R.S. (JP); 120 km S Coober Pedy (DC), and south to *MM* Peebinga CP, three on 13 Jun. (RFB, PB), *NE*, *EP*, *LN*.

#### PURPLE-CROWNED LORIKEET

Northern records from *EP* Sinclair's Gap, 25 Apr. (LJ *et al*); *LN* Beetaloo Reservoir, 26 Sep. (LP), *MM* Sedan, 26 Sep. (RJ *et al*). *SE*, *AP*, *MLR*, *KI*.

#### BUDGERIGAR

*EP* 10 km W Cleve, *c* 60 on 28 Mar. (TC). *LN* First: 7 km E Koolunga, one on 14 Nov. 'Smaller numbers than usual' this summer' (LP).

#### CRIMSON ROSELLA

*SE* northern records from 9 km S Wolseley, 4 Oct. (NR) and one on 13 Dec. (LJ, AL).

#### MULGA PARROT

*NW* Mt Christie R.S., 10 May; Ernabella, 16 May (JP). *YP* 10 km W Warooka, eight on 7 Mar. (KE). *FR*, *EP*, *LN*, *MM*.

#### BLUE BONNET

*MM* southern records from 8 km ESE Meningie, one on 23 Aug. (NR) and 4 km S Pinnaroo, 1 Oct. (LJ). *NE*, *EP*, *YP*.

#### BOURKE'S PARROT\*

*NW* Indulkana, seen in open mulga on 19 May (JP); Billa Kalina Stn, several on 13 Aug. (PL).

#### BLUE-WINGED PARROT

*MM* 2 km E Goolwa Barrage, one on 5 Sep. (JC). *SE* five "summer" records including 15 seen one km N Donovan's Landing on 8 Nov. (JC, NR): *AP* Bolivar, four on 21 Sep. (BG).

#### SCARLET-CHESTED PARROT\*

*NW* 6 km W Oodnadatta, two on 12 Apr. (MC-E); *NW* Mt Christie R.S., 10 May (JP).

#### PALLID CUCKOO

*NW* eight May records from Musgrave Rgs south to Tarcoola. First: *EP* Corunna Stn, one on 24 Apr. (LJ *et al*). Early southern records: *LN* Tothill Rgs, one on 20 Jun. (LP). *AP* Hilton, Adel., one on 15 Jun. (MM).

#### SHINING BRONZE-CUCKOO

Last: *MLR* Scott's Ck Reserve, two on 20 Feb. (LD, JP). First: *MLR* Horsnell's Gully, one on 11 Sep. (DG, RJ). *AP* Bolivar, heard on 28 Oct., 24 & 26 Dec. (BG).

#### SPOTTED NIGHTJAR\*

*EP* Corunna Stn, 24 Apr. (LP *et al*). *MM* Wundersitz Scrub, 15 Aug. (KW *et al*); Comet Bore, one on 1 Oct. (LJ).

#### WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL

Last: *MLR* Belair RP, 10 on 17 Mar. (RF). *SE*, *KI*.

#### FORK-TAILED SWIFT

Last: *MLR* Sandy Ck CP, one on 3 May (TB). *EP* Avoid Bay, one on 14 Mar. (CG). *MM* Murray Bridge, *c* 80 on 16 Apr. (RJ). *SE* *c* 2000 flying high in *NW* direction over Lochaber on 21 Feb. (AA).

#### RED-BACKED KINGFISHER

First record for southern districts; *LN* 3 km S Dawson, two on 29 Sep. (LJ). Also recorded in Sep. from Koolunga (LP) and *NE* Plumbago Stn (JG). Two unusual southern records from *MLR* 5 km SE Stockport, one on 1 Nov. (JDS); Happy Valley Reservoir, heard on 19 Nov. (BG).

*NW* three May records from north of Oodnadatta (JP).

#### SACRED KINGFISHER

Last: *AP* Hove, Adel., one on 23 Feb. (DP). First: *YP* Clinton CP one on 19 Sep. (TB). *NE* moderate numbers on Plumbago Stn in Sep. (JG). *MM* 12 km E Morgan, *c* 15 on 10 Oct. (RA).

#### RAINBOW BEE-EATER

Several unusual winter records: *NW* one between Lake Hart and Coondambo R.S. on 9 May (JP). *AP* St Peters, Adel., one on 5 May (HF), Garden I, four on 23 July (DP).

Last: Parra Wirra NP, *c* 15 congregating on 6 Mar. (TB). First Tea Tree Gully, two on 20 Sep. (RA).

## SINGING BUSHLARK

*NE* 2 km N Yunta, seven on 11 Sep. (LJ). *LN* varying numbers reported by LP throughout year. Details from 7 km E Koolunga: first seen on 22 Apr., four in stubble; more than 50 in stubble on 6 May; 'numerous' from Sep. to Dec., with several birds singing day and night in Sep. & Oct., singing less frequently in Nov. & Dec.; bred in barley crops. *MM*, *YP*, *AP*.

## SKYLARK

Northern records from *LN* Marrabel, one on 27 Jun.; Pt Broughton, one on 12 Sep. (LP). A western record from *YP* one between Minlaton and Bluff's Beach on 12 Nov. (LD). Eastern and southern records from *MM* Tailem Bend, one on 4 Oct. (JC, NR); western boundary of Monarto, one on 31 Oct. (ABB); eight localities in the Meningie district in late Aug. (JP).

This species is considerably more widespread than indicated by Condon (1968), and perhaps now has a continuous distribution from *AP* to *SE*.

## WELCOME SWALLOW

*NW* north to 5 km N Mt Woodroffe, three on 10 May (JR); west to Malbooma R.S., 9 May (JP).

Br.: *NE* Plumbago Stn, raised three young from a clutch of four eggs (JG).

## WHITE-BELLIED CUCKOO-SHRIKE\*

*SE* Bangham CP, one on 30 Dec. (AL, LJ).

## GROUND CUCKOO-SHRIKE

*LN* southern record from 16 km NE Owen, two on 23 July (RS). *NW*, *NE*, *FR*, *MM*.

## WHITE-WINGED TRILLER

First of the few records for the year: *LN* 13 km E Peterborough, a female on 29 Sep. (NR). Six other records from *LN*, *MM*, *SE*. *NW* fewer birds this season than usual on Billa Kalina Stn (PL).

## BLACKBIRD

Northern record from *FR* 50 km ESE Hawker, one on 18 July (LP). *MM* Nor West Bend Stn, four on 10 Oct.—has become established here in last four years (RA).

## FLAME ROBIN

First: *SE* 18 km NW Hatherleigh, one on 29 Mar. (M. Brown *per* CP). Last: *MM* Long I, Murray Bridge, two on 30 July—arrived here in early Jun. (RJ). *MLR*.

## HOODED ROBIN

*MLR* Scott CP, two on 24 Apr. and 24 Oct. (JP); Sandy Ck NP, four on 26 Apr. (TB); Douglas Scrub, 2 May (S.A.O.A. *per* HW); Aldinga Scrub, two on 9 May (KE); Manning Reserve, one on 17 May and two on 6 June (RG); Inman Valley, different individuals on 5 & 12 Dec. (JR, NR).

## JACKY WINTER

*NW* Malbooma R.S., 9 May; Ernabella, 19 May (JP). *NE* Plumbago Stn, seen in saltbush and small bullock bush in Aug. (JG). *EP*, *LN*, *MM*, *YP*, *MLR*.

## EASTERN YELLOW ROBIN

Northern extension of range: *MM* 'Currawong', Mar. 23 (Bob Hawkes *per* DC) and one on 18 Sep. (LP, LJ).

## CRESTED SHRIKE-TIT

Br.: *SE* Killanoola, a pair with nest at height of c 10 m in a tall gum sapling on 20 Dec. (AA)—*cf.* Attiwill (1972: 63).

*FR* Beetaloo, several on 3 Apr. (JP). *LN* Tohill Rgs, five on 27 Jun. (KE). *MM* Caloote, two on 26 Aug. (RJ). *SE* Penola, Pt MacDonnell, Lake Hawdon (JC, NR). *AP* Beaumont, Adel., one on 29 Jan. (JP); Unley Park, two on 19 June (MK); Vale Park, one in June (WB).

## GILBERT'S WHISTLER

*NW* Malbooma R.S., 9 May (JP), Carrierloo Stn, three on 8-11 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ). *FR* Telowie Gorge, two on 20 May (BG). Mookra Tower, 40 km NE Wilmington, 15 Aug. (LP). *MM*.

## RUFIOUS WHISTLER

All records from *NW*, *NE*, *FR*, northern *EP*. *LN* and northern *MM* fell between 3 Apr. and 11 Oct. The *MLR* is largely vacated by the species in the winter—e.g. Sandy Ck CP (Rix, 1976: 284). Two winter records: Montarra, 2 May (S.A.O.A. *per* HW); Hale CP, one on 22 Aug. (NR).

## GREY FANTAIL

Two late records from 'winter' range: *LN* 7 km NE Koolunga, one on 29 Oct. (LP); *MM* Monarto, one on 31 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* ABB). *AP* Waite Institute, two on 26 July (JS); Botanic Gardens, one present from 24 Oct. to 12 Nov. (BM). *MLR* Coromandel Valley, unusually common in June, being observed in open habitats for the first time in five years (DC). *NE*, *FR*, *SE*, *KI*.

## WILLY WAGTAIL

An all black bird—*cf.* 1975 Bird Report (Reid 1976)—was reported nesting at Folland Park (*AP*) on 10 Oct. (KE).

## CHESTNUT QUAIL-THRUSH

*NW* Maralinga, one in open mallee on 12 May (JP). *EP*, *LN*, *MM*.

## LITTLE GRASSBIRD

*NW* Nunn's Bore, 22 May (JP). *NE* Gum's Lake, Plumbago Stn, one in Aug.—only sighting for year (JG). *EP* Winceby I, one on 29 Mar. (CG).



## RUFIOUS SONGLARK\*

Very few records this year. *NW* c 50 km *NW* Pt Augusta, one on 8 May; Indulkana to Kathleen Ck, 20 May (JP); 5 km *N* Mt Woodroffe, one on 10 May (JR). *LN* Ucolta, one on 4 Apr. (JP). *MM* Monarto, 31 Oct. (ABB). *SE* Frances, one on 4 Oct. (NR).

## BROWN SONGLARK

Many reported from all districts, including Apr., May, July & Aug. records from southern districts.

## SUPERB FAIRY-WREN

*LN* northern records from Tothill Rgs, two on 27 June (KE) and 22 Aug. (JT).

## WHITE-WINGED WREN

*EP* a southern record from Pt Neill, five on 27 Mar. (TC).

## STRIATED GRASSWREN\*

*NE* 23 km *E* Canegrass HS, four on 27 Apr. *EP* Sinclair's Gap and L Gilles CP in Oct. (DC); Pinkawillinie CP, 50 km *W* Kimba, two on 21 Nov. (NR). *MM* 40 km *SW* Lameroo, one seen in dense *Banksia ornata* heath on 31 Aug. (HF); Comet Bore and Billiat CP in Oct. (LJ).

## THICK-BILLED GRASSWREN

*NW* Carriewerloo Stn, two adults and one immature bird on 10 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* JBr).

## DUSKY GRASSWREN\*

*NW* Mt Woodroffe, three on 10 May (JR); Kenmore Park, several groups on 16 May (JP).

## RUFIOUS BRISTLEBIRD\*

*SE* Martin's Washpool CP, 12 km *E* Salt Ck, 25 km *S* Salt Ck, Little Dip CP, Beachport district, 2 km *E* Robe (JC, DC, NR).

## CALAMANTHUS

*FR* Pitchie Ritchie Pass, two on 22 May (KT). *EP* Corunna Stn, three on 24 Apr. (JR *et al*). *SE* Little Dip CP; Robe; L. Hawdon; Beachport; 3 km *NW* Cape Northumberland (JC, NR). *YP* Coobowie, two on 14 Jan. (TB).

## WHITE-THROATED GERYGONE\*

*AP* Waterfall Gully Road, Burnside, one on 24 July (KT).

## SLATY-BACKED THORNBILL\*

*NW* Everard Park Stn, two on 21 May (DC).

## BUFF-RUMPED THORNBILL

*LN* Tothill Rgs, numerous on 22 May and 20 June (LP). *MM* Wundersitz, four on 15 Aug. (KW); 15 km *W* Coonalpyn, many on 26 Aug. (JP).

Br.: *MLR* Scott CP, nest with three eggs found on 23 Oct. (JP).

## SLENDER-BILLED THORNBILL

*NW* seen between Gidgee and Oodnadatta,

and between William's Ck and Maree on 22 May (JP); Carriewerloo Stn, two on 10 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ).

## WHITE-BROWED TREECREEPER\*

*NW* between Malbooma R.S. and Wynbring R.S., 9 May; Mt Christie R.S., 10 May (JP); Everark Park Stn, common in May (DC). *FR* 50 km *ESE* Hawker, one on 17 Jul. (LP). *MM* Canegrass Stn, 20 May (RJS).

## STRIPED HONEYEATER

*YP* Pt Vincent, one on 19 Apr. (RFB, PB); Moonta, one on 18 Sep. (FE); Minlaton district, 13 Nov. (NR). *MM*.

## LITTLE FRIARBIRD\*

*MM* Lake Merreti, six on 31 Aug. (RG); Nor West Bend Stn, common on 10 Oct. (RA).

## BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER\*

*MM* Lake Merreti, eight on 1 Aug. (RG). *SE* 30 km *SW* Bordertown, one on 18 Feb. (MER).

## YELLOW-FACED HONEYEATER

*FR* Beetaloo, one on 4 Apr. (JP). *LN* Tothill Rgs, 24 Apr. (JDS) and seven on 27 June (KE); 12 km *NE* Owen, one on 24 Apr. (RS). *MM* Braendler's Scrub, two on 27 Aug. (HF). *AP* Burnside, six on 29 Mar. (ABB); St Peters, one on 14 & 29 Apr., and nine on 9 May (HF); Marion Shopping Centre, 27 May (LD); Beaumont, *ca.* 35 in Oct. (JP).

## WHITE-EARED HONEYEATER

*NW* Maralinga, three in open mallee on 12 May (JP). *EP* Cleve, one on 10 Nov. (TC). *MM*, *SE*, *KI*.

## GREY-HEADED HONEYEATER\*

*NW* Mt Woodroffe, six in eucalypt shrubs on 10 May (JR); Currie Ck, 18 May (JP).

## GREY-FRONTED HONEYEATER\*

*NW* Cave Hill Rgs, 16 to 18 May (JP); Carriewerloo Stn, one on 10 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ). *FR* Beetaloo, one on 26 Sep. (LP). *LN* 3 km *E* Dawson, three on 29 Sep. (NR).

## BLACK-CHINNED HONEYEATER\*

*LN* Tothill Rgs, feeding in flowering *Eucalyptus odorata* on 13 May (DK). *SE* Bangham, one on 24 Oct. (LJ). *MLR* one between Mt Bold Reservoir and Clarendon on 5 Mar. (BG); Banksia Pk, six feeding in grevillea on 19 Apr. (TB).

Br.: *SE* Killanoola, pair building a nest c 10 m up in a Pink Gum on 19 Dec., a bird seen brooding a week later (AA)—*cf.* Attiwill (1972: 64).

## WHITE-NAPED HONEYEATER

Unusual autumn-winter records: *LN* Tothill Ranges, five on 24 Apr. (JDS) and two on 8 Aug. (LP). *MM* 10 km *E* Eudunda, three

on 13 Aug.; Sutherlands, one on 13 Aug.; 15 km NE Mt Mary, three seen feeding on flower of *E. gracilis* (HF). *AP* four suburban records in Mar.-May. *MLR* Para Wirra NP, numerous in July & Aug., with 48 individuals being caught in the mist nets on 16 July—feeding in flowering *E. odorata* (HF).

#### NEW HOLLAND HONEYEATER

*EP* a northern record from Cleve, many feeding in flowering *Callistemon* on 9 Nov. (TG).

#### WHITE-FRONTED HONEYEATER

Br.: *MM* Sedan, three nests with three eggs in one on 26 Sep. (KT *et al.*).

*NW* three May records from Mt Woodroffe (JR), Cave Hill Rgs, and between Indulkana and Kathleen Ck (JP). *FR, EP, MM.*

#### TAWNY-CROWNED HONEYEATER

Br.: *FR* Beetaloo, at least two pairs feeding nestlings on 26 Aug. (LP). *LN, MM, YP, MLR, KI.*

#### EASTERN SPINEBILL

*AP* reported from eight eastern suburbs in Apr.-July, including Beaumont where it was also present from Aug. to Dec. (MK).

#### CRIMSON CHAT\*

*NW* between Indulkana and Kathleen Ck, 20 May (JP). *NE* Plumbago Stn, up to 12 present from Apr. to Sep. (JG).

#### ORANGE CHAT

10 records from *NW* & *NE*. *MM* Lake Merreti, one on 28 Jan. (RG).

#### WHITE-FRONTED CHAT

*NW* a northern record from Nunn's Bore, 22 May (JP).

#### RED-BROWED PARDALOTE\*

*NW* Currie Ck, 18 May (JP).

#### GOLDFINCH

*MM* Lake Merreti, 11 on 31 Aug. (RG). *NE* Plumbago Stn, two in Oct. (JG).

#### COMMON STARLING

*NE* Plumbago Stn, up to 12 from May to Oct. (JG). *LN* 7 km E Koolunga, c. 500 (mostly young) in early Dec. Adults were feeding young on grasshoppers, while the stomachs of independent young birds were found crammed with *Citona* weevils (a clover pest), (LP). *YP* Troubridge I, successive waves flew in from mainland on 2 Mar. The number of birds was estimated at 200 000 (DV). Big mobs reported from *MM* and *AP*.

#### OLIVE-BACKED ORIOLE\*

*MM* L Merreti, one on 28 Jan. (RG). *SE* 15 km W Tintinara, one on 19 Sep. (LP, LJ). *MLR* Barossa Reservoir, one on 14 Oct. (BG).

#### SPOTTED BOWERBIRD\*

*NW* three May records from the Musgrave Rgs (JP, JR).

#### WHITE-WINGED CHOUGH

*FR* Beetaloo, 4 Apr. (JP). *EP* Thistle I, four on 13 Aug. (S.A.O.A. *per* KE). *MM, SE, MLR.*

#### BLACK-FACED WOODSWALLOW

*LN* southern record from Tothill Rgs on 22 Aug. (JT).

#### DUSKY WOODSWALLOW

*NW* between Malbooma R.S. and Wynbring R.S., 10 May (JP); Carrierloo Stn, three on 10 Oct. (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ).

#### AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE

Hybrids between white-backed and black backed forms reported from *NW* Musgrave Rgs (JP) and Carrierloo Stn (S.A.O.A. *per* LJ); *LN* Hutton's Lagoon (LP); *MM* Nor West Bend Stn (RA) and western boundary of Monarto (ABB).

#### GREY CURRAWONG

*FR* Wilkawillina Gorge, two on 18 May (PN)—Condon (1968) records this population north to Quorn. *LN* Tothill Rgs, 22 Aug. (JT). *EP, MM, SE, YP, MLR, KI.*

#### AUSTRALIAN RAVEN

*NW* north to Welbourne Hill HS (130 km W Oodnadatta), 15 May (DC) and between Indulkana and Kathleen Ck, 20 May. West to Wynbring R.S. (JP). *LN* southern record from Fisherman's Bay, several found in or near mangroves on 12 Sep. and 15 Dec.—specimen obtained (LP). *NE, FR, EP, MM, SE, KI.*

#### FOREST RAVEN

*SE* Caroline St. F., six on 1 Jan. (AL) and specimen collected here on 28 Dec. (LJ, AL). North to 15 km NE Penola, three on 5 Oct. (NR).

#### LITTLE RAVEN

*EP* 8 km W Pinkawillinie CP, at least 80 seen on 12 Nov. Also present were the Australian Raven and Little Crow (DC, NR). *SE* 7 km N Frances, one collected on 29 Dec. (LJ, AL). *LN, MM, YP, AP, MLR, KI.*

#### LITTLE CROW

*EP* Corunna Stn, one on 24 Apr. (LP *et al.*); 26 km W Iron Knob, five on 21 Oct.; Sinclair's Gap, two on 19 Oct. (DC, NR). See Pedler (1978) for the first published account of this species from *EP*. *LN* southern record from Pandappa CP, two on 28 Sep. (NR).

#### TORRESIAN CROW

*NW* reported from Everard Park H.S. (DC), Musgrave Rgs (JP, JR), and Indulkana (JP).

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