

BIRD NOTES

froze, thus seeming to merge with its surroundings.

Description: The bird stood more erect than a quail (*ca* 150mm) and had relatively longer legs (*ca* 70mm). Larger more pronounced neck with a narrowing at the throat as compared to a quail where the head merges more directly with the body and the neck is not so apparent. Colour: grey-brown, similar to Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*, lightly scalloped. Throat, breast and belly: off-white, light scalloping on breast. Legs: buff.

The habitat was sandy agricultural land with the previous year's stubble and sparse, dry grass (due to the unseasonally dry conditions). The sighting was made 100m from a small mallee scrub adjoining a samphire swamp. All surrounding paddocks were under cultivation. At the time of the sighting the paddock was not being grazed by stock. Before two subsequent unsuccessful searches were made a week later, sheep were introduced to the paddock. This record was published briefly in Glover (1983 — S. Aust. Orn. Assoc. Newsl. 104: 7). -----
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A PROBABLE RECORD OF A PLAINS WANDERER NEAR RUDALL, EYRE PENINSULA. On 30 July 1982, I sighted what was probably a male Plains Wanderer *Pedionomus torquatus*, eight kilometres SW of Rudall, Eyre Peninsula. I first saw the bird one metre in front of me. It then walked quickly away, often stopping to stand upright and look back. When quite a distance in front of me, it