

## BIRD NOTE

**A FLAME ROBIN NEAR LAURA.** The Flame Robin *Petroica phoenicea* is not often found wintering north of the vicinity of Adelaide. The northernmost record seems to be that from the 'Gladstone area', on 23 June 1964 (Glover, B. 1965. Bird report, 1964, S. Aust. Orn. 24:55-68).

In over ten years of residing and observing birds in the Mid North of South Australia, I had not recorded the Flame Robin until 22 June 1983, when J.A. Pedler and I found a coloured male approximately one kilometre north of

Laura. The bird's orange-red breast extended almost up to its throat. It had a slaty grey head and back, blackish wings and tail, a small white spot on its frons and a white bar across its wings-converts and secondaries.

The robin stayed on or near a fence *ca* 100 m from the nearest trees and farm buildings during twenty minutes of observation, but was not found on subsequent visits in early July.

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