

BIRD NOTE

A RECENT SIGHTING AND EVIDENCE OF BREEDING OF RED-WHISKERED BULBULS. On 9 December 1983 it was reported to officers of the Law Enforcement Section, South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service, that a pair of Red-whiskered Bulbuls *Pycnonotus jocosus* had successfully reared four juveniles in an open shade house at Enfield in suburban Adelaide. The young had fledged but could still be seen in the vicinity of the nest. A further report on 10 December indicated that the birds were feeding in an area three streets away from the nest.

Officers of the Law Enforcement Section attended on 14 and 15 December and, by use of mist-nets and firearms, caught one and shot a further five Red-whiskered Bulbuls. Of the six birds obtained there were four juveniles and a pair of adults.

The Red-whiskered Bulbuls were reported to

be feeding on strawberries and raspberries in the vicinity of the nesting locality. While young were still in the nest, the adult birds constantly carried off raspberries with which they fed the young.

Advice of local residents and subsequent inspections indicated that there did not appear to be any other bulbuls in the vicinity.

One of the young birds has been retained as a call bird for control purposes in the event of any further sightings of this species. The other five specimens have been lodged with the Curator of Birds at the South Australian Museum.

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