

## BIRD NOTE

**FIRST SPECIMEN RECORD OF THE WHITE-CHINNED PETREL FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.** To date, there are only two published reports of the White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis* from in or near South Australian waters: several seen in the Great Australian Bight as far east as 38°S, 133°E in June-July 1947 (Brown, A.G., 1948, *Emu* 48 : 15-19) and at least one at sea between Beachport and 48 km WSW thereof on 29 August 1981 (Close, D.H., 1982, *S. Aust. Orn.* 28 : 210-213).

On 24 September 1983, on the south shore of the Dudley Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, three kilometres W of the Willson River mouth, we found the feathered skeleton of a large petrel. We forwarded it to Mr S.A. Parker, Curator of Birds, South Australian Museum, who provi-

sionally identified it, on the basis of the almost entirely pale unguis, as belonging to *P. aequinoctialis*. This identification was confirmed by Dr M.J. Imber of the New Zealand Wildlife Service (*in litt.* to Parker 31 May 1984). The specimen is now in the avian skeleton collection at the South Australian Museum, reg. no. B 37926.

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