

## BIRD NOTE

**WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE CATCHING A GALAH IN THE AIR** In September 1969 while walking between Wilpena Chalet and St. Mary's Peak, when *ca.* 2 km from the Chalet we noticed a Wedge-tailed Eagle *Aquila audax* soaring above us, at *ca.* 50 to 60 m from the ground, and between us and the rim of The Pound. From the direction of the Chalet two Galahs *Cacatua roseicapilla* flew towards us. The eagle

immediately swooped in flight and attacked one of the birds. The Galah tried desperately to evade it. The eagle grasped it in its talons about 15 m above us. As it held it in its grasp it repeatedly bit at its victim. The remaining Galah cried pitifully for some moments after the attack.

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