

**A SECOND RECORD OF THE BRUSH CUCKOO IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.** On 23 November 1993, in mallee scrub at the Ferries McDonald Conservation Park, SW of Murray Bridge, South Australia, we heard a faint call of two syllables 'see you' repeated five or six times. We thought it might be the call of a Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus*. We played the Bird Observers Club (1990) recording of the Brush Cuckoo and at once a bird appeared and settled about 8 m away. It was about the size of a Fan-tailed Cuckoo *C. flabelliformis* and dark grey on the back, head and tail. The tail had faint white notchings on the underside, and the end was square. The eye-ring was grey, the breast pale-grey and the abdomen soft rufous-buff. The colour of the legs was not seen. There was no obvious white edging to the folded wing. The cassette was played again and the bird responded with typical calls of the Brush Cuckoo, as given on the cassette. These included the 'can you see' call, repeated five or six times with increasing speed, pitch and urgency. It was unlike the querulous descending call of the Fan-tailed Cuckoo. The bird continued to call for about an hour, at which time we left the area. It was still calling when we passed the area again about half an hour later.

A similar bird was seen and heard in the same area on 25 November 1993, by K. Figwer and E. Hayman, and again on 28 December 1993, by K. Figwer, A. Holder and J. Saunders. We presume this was the same bird.

This bird was seen within a few hundred metres of the place where the species was first recorded on 12 November 1992 (Figwer and Britten-Jones 1994).

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