

**AN ADDENDUM TO 'COMMENTS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIVE BIRD SPECIES IN THE FLINDERS RANGES: SOME NEW DATA AND A REAPPRAISAL OF HISTORICAL RECORDS'.** Reid *et al.* (1997) reported on the distribution and status of five species of birds in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia, including the Pied Butcherbird *Cracticus nigrogularis*. Over a ten-year period to the end of 1994, Hornsby (1997) failed to record any butcherbirds at Brindana Gorge, in the Northern Flinders Ranges (29°58'S, 139°25'E). However, in 1996, butcherbirds were recorded on three occasions. An adult Grey Butcherbird *C. torquatus* was observed in August and an immature in September. During an earlier visit in May, two bird species were recorded for the first time, including a single Pied Butcherbird. This sole observation adds weight to the conclusion by Reid *et al.* (1997) that in the Flinders Ranges, especially in the more northerly parts, the species is transient, rather than resident.

The other species to be recorded for the first time was the Pallid Cuckoo *Cuculus pallidus*. In this instance, the surprising feature was that it had not previously been observed at Brindana Gorge, since it is a very common species, seasonally, on the plains around the north end of the Flinders Ranges.

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