

Bird Report 2005

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This report highlights records for the calendar year 2005 for species listed with a rare (R) or vagrant (V) status in the third edition of A Field List of the Birds of South Australia (hereafter referred to as the Field List) (SAOA 1985a). Future reports will use the fourth edition of the Field List (SAOA 2008). No attempt is made to cover all species represented in the Field List and species for which there are no records in a calendar year are not discussed. The contributors are identified by the codes listed in the appendix.

Records are provided by SAOA members in the monthly record books, from field trips or by direct report to the record secretary, as well as by visitors to the State who post reports on the Birding-Aus Mail List (www.cse.unsw.edu.au/birding-aus/). Comments, with suitable references, are made about identification, breeding, migration, and other issues of interest. In many cases a Specified Region code is given to indicate the region of South Australia (SA) from which records occurred (see Key to Codes in Appendix; see SAOA 1985a for a map of the regions). Taxonomy follows Christidis and Boles (1994).

The notable weather conditions for the year were the above average temperatures across the State with the NE and SW recording some of the highest temperatures on record. This is all the more notable because the earlier part of the year, from January to the end of April was characterised by temperatures from 2° C to 1° C below average across much of the eastern part of the State including inland regions. Rainfall was below average

for much of the central and northern part of the State and the South-east was 100 – 200 mm below average. The Mount Lofty Ranges (MLR) was 100 – 200 mm above average.

Highlights for the year included the second record of a Macaroni Penguin from Beachport: six beach-washed specimens of Southern Fulmar between June and October, a species not recorded since 1991: the fourth and fifth records of Mottled Petrel in February: the seventh record of Grey Petrel, a species last recorded in 1977: a single Black-bellied Storm Petrel was the first record from a pelagic day trip out of South Australia: A Channel-billed Cuckoo from Tumbly Bay in May- an unusual southerly record of a rarely recorded species for SA: a pair of Powerful Owls was again recorded from the Caroline Forest, SE, in May, and four Oriental Pratincoles were reported in November from the NE with one near Aldinga Scrub, FP, in December. The Hudsonian Godwit returned for a fifth consecutive season in November.

Cases of unusual regional movements included:

Crimson Chats and a Red-backed Kingfisher were reported from the Dry Creek Saltfields in October -possibly the first record of Crimson Chat from this location. The Pied Butcherbird appears to be moving south down the Murray River with regular reports from the Mypolonga area and a record from Brown's Road, near Murray Bridge. Several reports during the year suggest that Grey Currawong is venturing into urban locations on the AP with a sighting from Clapham in June and several reported west of the foothills

south of Flinders University. Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos were reported from Murray Bridge in November, possibly for the first time in 20 years.

Malleefowl, *Leipoa ocellata*. R.

2 were on the mound on the Loop road at Salt Creek, Coorong on 6 January [JF]. One was on the Loop Road at Salt Creek, Coorong, on 12 February [JBC] and 2 were again observed tending the mound on 26 February [PK & JD; TC & DC]. One was at Stockyard Plains, MM, on 18 February [BF]. One was south of Salt Creek, Coorong, on 1 April [AB]. One was at Ferries MacDonald C.P., MM, on 18 March [LS] and 6 were at Mt Boothby C.P., and adjacent paddocks, upper SE, on 11-13 June [TH]. One was at Eremophila park, MM, on 28 October [per JD]. 5 were recorded near Inneston, Innes N.P., YP, over the period 25-28 October [CT]. One was at the southern end of the Loop Road, Salt Creek, Coorong, on 17 November [P & DHa]. A pair was attending a mound on the Loop Road, Salt Creek, Coorong, on 8 December [GY].

Brown Quail, *Coturnix ypsilophora*. R.

Several were calling at the Onkaparinga Wetlands, FP, during January [DC]. One was at the northern end of Buckland Park Lake, AP, on 20 January [CR] and 3 were at Thompsons Beach on 21 February [CR]. 6 birds were seen on two occasions in low coastal dune area north of Kingston, SE, on 12 April [BH] and 25 April [VN & EL]. One was flushed 7kms east of Koolunga, LN, at White Cliffs, on 29 July and one was present at the same location on 24 August [LP]. 4 were at Kaurna Park Wetlands, Salisbury, AP, on 25 August [BA]. One was at Paringa, MM, on 19 October [GC].

Plumed Whistling Duck, *Dendrocygna eytoni*. R(S).

At least ten were on the Murray at Renmark, MM, on 25 September [PT].

Freckled Duck, *Stictonetta naevosa*. R.

One was at Dulkaninna Station wetlands, Birdsville Track, NE, on 2 January [SBe] and 4 were at Mungeranie Wetlands, Birdsville Track, on 2 January [JBC & CR]. 14 were on Dickeree Waterhole, Pandie Pandie, NE, on 4 January [JBC & CR]. 2 were at Tolderol GR, LA, on 5 January [LS]. One was at Greenfields Wetlands, Magazine Road, AP, on 6 January while 10 were at Mingary Creek ponds, LN, on 7 January [JBC & CR]. One was at Goolwa Ponds, FP, on 24 January [JF] and still present on 31 January [WS]. 128 were at Paiwalla Wetlands, MM, on 29 January and the number had increased to 150 on 13 February [PK]. 200 were at Bool Lagoon GR, SE, on 1 February [J & PB]. 34 were at Goolwa Sewage Ponds, LA, on 17 March [LS]. 280 were at Paiwalla Wetlands, MM, on 22 March [PK] while 450 were at Bool Lagoon, SE, on 26 March [JB]. One was at the Torrens Outlet Channel, AP, on 10 April [RW]. At least 100 were roosting in a lagoon on the southern edge of Lake Albert, MM, on 29 May [CR]. 17 were on a private dam near Mt Alma Road, Inman Valley, FP, on 2 June [DCu]. At least 250 were on the northern side of the Murray near Waikerie, MM, on 11 June [ABr]. 6 were on a dam near Mt Barker Golf Course, MLR, on 12 June [BM]. One was at the Bordertown Sewage Ponds, upper SE, on 30 August [LS]. At least 12 were at Morgan C.P., MM, on 18 September [CR & JBC]. 4 were at Mt Compass Swamp, FP, on 29 September [WS]. 15 were at Buckland Park Lake, AP, on 25 October [CR & JBC]. 8 were at Goolwa Sewage Ponds, FP, on 25 October [TCO]. 7 were at Coongie Lakes, NE on 12 November [CR & JBC]. 20 were on Buckland Park Lake, AP, on 19 November [WB].

Royal (Macaroni) Penguin, *Eudyptes chrysolophus*. V. third record.

One came ashore to moult at Beachport, SE, and was photographed on 27 March by [MCi per WS]. Moult was well advanced. The photographed bird has a dark face and a complete but indistinct yellow band



Macaroni Penguin - Margaret Ciccone

of feathers is visible across the crown and merges with the yellow head plumes. From the photograph the bird seemed to be in good condition but its ultimate fate is unknown. The first confirmed record of the Royal (Macaroni) Penguin came ashore at Encounter Bay, Yilki, on 21 February in 1933 but was miss-identified as a Fiordland Penguin (Reid 1984). This specimen is in the SAM B 16739. The second record was located by Botany students from the University of Adelaide on the beach at Robe on February 27 February 1983. See Reid (1984) for a description and photographs.

Southern Fulmar, *Fulmarus glacialisoides*

Although this species is not listed as rare and there are numerous historical records from the 1970s and 1980s it has not been recorded since 1991. See the records in Carpenter, Black, Harper and Horton (2003). This year was unusual with six records all beach-washed. Single specimens were recovered from the

following locations: Vivonne Bay, KI, on 17 June [CB]; Port MacDonnell, SE, on 22 June [MC]; Venus Bay, EP, on 16 September [GC]; Sceale Bay, EP, on 20 October [JW]; Blackfellows Caves, SE, in October [MC], and O'Sullivan's Beach, AP, on 27 October [PN].

Grey Petrel, *Procellaria cinerea*. V.

A beach-washed specimen was recovered from Vivonne Bay, KI, on 23 January [CB]. Transferred to SAM. This is the seventh or eighth record for the State as there is some doubt about a record from 1927.

Mottled Petrel, *Pterodroma inexpectata*. V.

One was recovered from Pennington Bay, KI, on 5 February [CB]. Another specimen was recovered at Clayton, LA on 10 February but later died [PK & JD]. These are the fourth and fifth records, respectively, for the State. Specimens transferred to SAM and photographed. Not recorded since 1977. See Parker and May (1982).



Sooty Albatross - Jeremy Robertson

Blue Petrel, *Halobaena caerulea*. R(W).

A single beach-washed specimen was recovered from Blackfellows Cave, SE, in October [MC].

White-chinned Petrel, *Procellaria aequinoctialis*. V.

3 were near the shelf-break (water depth 200-2000m centred on 38° 23'S 140° 35'E) on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 27 February [CR]. 4 were near the continental shelf on a pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 13 March [RB]. 2 were beyond the continental

shelf on a pelagic trip from Port MacDonnell on 27 March [CR].

Sooty Shearwater, *Puffinus griseus*. R(S).

One was at the shelf-break on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell, SE, on 27 February and another was at the shelf-break on the pelagic trip from Port MacDonnell, SE, on 15 May [JBC].

Royal Albatross, *Diomedea epomophora*. V.

3 sightings were made of the northern subspecies *D. e. sanfordi* at the shelf-break

Mottled Petrel - Judith Dyer





Buller's Albatross - David Harper

on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 27 March [CR]. One, again of the race *D. e. sanfordi*, was at the shelf-break on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 15 May [CR].

Buller's Albatross, *Diomedea bulleri*. V.

At least 2 were near the shelf-break on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 27 February [CR] and at least 3 were at the shelf-break on the pelagic trip from Port MacDonnell on 27 March [CR].

Sooty Albatross, *Phoebastria fusca*. R.

One was at the shelf-break on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 15 May [CR, et. al.].

Light-mantled Sooty Albatross, *Phoebastria palpebrata*. V

A beach-washed specimen was recovered from Black Point Beach, KI, by Josh Berris on 25 June [CB]. Specimen sent to the SAM (number pending).

Black-bellied Storm-petrel, *Fregatta tropica*.

One was over the continental shelf on the pelagic trip off Port MacDonnell on 27 March [JBC]. This is the first sighting from a pelagic day-trip off South Australia although earlier records indicated that the species was relatively abundant further south during the

summer months. See Cheshire (1986) and Reid et. al. (2002).

Intermediate Egret, *Ardea intermedia*. R.

One was at Bool Lagoon, SE, on 3 April [BG & GY]. One was at Eight Mile Creek, Port MacDonnell, SE, on 16 April [BG].

Little Bittern, *Ixobrychus minutus*. R (S).

One was calling from a reed bed at Paringa, MM on 19 October [GC]. One was calling from reed bed at Paiwalla Wetlands, MM, on 5 November [PK] and again on 24 November [per JD].

Letter-winged Kite, *Elanus scriptus*. R (W, not KI).

Two were at Bollard Lagoon, NE, on 14 March [MT]. 2 were nesting near the Strzelecki Track, NE, on 19 August [PM]. One was near the Birdsville Track, Clifton Hills, NE, on 17 November [DP].

Square-tailed Kite, *Lophoictinia isura*. R(S).

One was quartering the canopy at Parra Wirra Park, MLR, on 3 December [FD].

Grey Falcon, *Falco hypoleucos*. R.

From southern regions, one was on the western boundary of Tolderol GR, LA, on

Black-bellied Storm Petrel
- Neil Cheshire



3 April [JF]. One was at Calperum Station, MM, on 16 April [JR]. See the Rogers 2004 for comments about records of this species from southern regions. From northern regions one was 39km west of Cameron Corner, NE, on 14 June [NJ] and one was at Strzelecki Crossing, NE, on 19 August [PM]. One was observed catching a snake in Pinkawilline C.P., EP, on 16 December [AP].

Brolga, *Grus rubicunda*. R.

Three were at Mungeranie Wetlands, Birdsville Track, NE, on 2 January [CR & JBC]. Breeding occurred at this site and at Dulkaninna Wetlands in the 2004/5 season. 80 were at Bool Lagoon GR, SE, on 1 February [J & PB] and at least 70 were at Bool Lagoon, SE, on 26 March [CR] with a high count for March at Bool Lagoon of 170 [J & PB]. Three were on the Glencoe/Kalangadoo Road, SE, on 20 March [SB]. 210 were at Magpie Swamp, Mingbool, SE, on 19 April [BG & BH]. 66 were still at Bool Lagoon, SE, on 16 May [WB]. 2 were nesting on a swamp near Telford Scrub, SE, on 22 August [BG]. A pair with one young was at the same location on 11 October [MH]. Two were at Mirra Mitta Bore, NE on 15 November [JBC & CR]. One was at the Overland Track NFR, SE, on 4 December [BSE outing]. Two were at Tarqua Lagoon, Glencoe, SE, on 14 December [BH]. 94 were at Bool Lagoon, SE, on 9 December [CR] and 123 in Little Bool and Bool Lagoon GR, SE, on 23 December [J & PB] with 160 present on 28 December [J & PB].

Lewin's Rail, *Rallus pectoralis*. R.

One was near the Milang Caravan Park, LA, on 24 February [PG] and one was at Laratinga Wetlands, Mount Barker, MLR, on 3 March [LS]. One was at Tolderol GR, LA, with Spotless and Spotted Crakes, on 10 April [JBC, CR, HCo]. One was calling from reed beds at Pelican Lagoon, LA, on 21 April [GC]. One was on Hindmarsh Island, MM, on 24 May [WS]. 2 were calling from reeds at Wellington, MM, on 20 October [GC].

Australasian Bittern, *Botaurus poiciloptilus*. R
(MLR, AP, KI, EP, LN)

2 were at Tolderol GR, LA, on 11 January [CR & JBC]. 2 were at Tolderol GR, LA, on 6 March [CR, PK, JD]. One was at Tolderol GR, LA, on 19 March [CR]. One was at Tolderol GR, LA, on 25 July [VM].

Australian Bustard, *Ardeotis australis*. R. (W, not KI).

One was in pasture 15 km west of Keith, upper SE, on 1 February and another was at Coombe, near Keith, upper SE, on 11 February [per DS]. 2 were in the Yellabinna Region, NW, on 20 February [LA]. One was 3 km west of Tolderol GR, LA, on 24 March [MV] and one was at the Whyalla Golf Course, EP, on 26 March [LW]. One was 10 km NE of Cowell, EP, on 8 June [AZ]. One was in a paddock at Venus Bay, near Elliston, EP, on 15 June [GB]. One was photographed in a pasture at Watervalley Wetlands, west of Gum Lagoon C.P., SE on 29 November [NA & JDr]. It is notable these records are of one or two birds only.

Red-chested Button-quail, *Turnix**pyrrhotorax*. R(S).

One was flushed near swampy ground 11 km SE of Spalding, LN, on 4 September [PT].

Hudsonian Godwit, *Limosa haemastica*. V.

One came in to roost with Black-tailed Godwit in Dry Creek Saltfields, centre track, AP, on 10 February [CR]. Reported regularly from Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, with 86 Black-tailed Godwit and was last sighted on 12 April although some Black-tailed Godwit remained beyond this date [CR]. On 28 November one was observed roosting with 50 Black-tailed Godwit in Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, [CR]. As it is highly likely to be the bird first reported by David Harper in March 2002 this represents a return for probably a fifth consecutive year. See Rogers (2004).

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*. R(S).

One was roosting in Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 25 January and again on 10 February and March 26 [CR]. One was at French Point, Port MacDonnell, SE, on 12 March [CR]. In the second half of the year one was at Blackfellows Caves on 4 October [VN, JHa, MC]. 2 were at Price Saltfields, YP, on 4 November [CR].

Eastern Curlew, *Numenius madagascariensis*.

R(S).

About 35 were regularly reported from Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, during the summer [CR]. Five were at Pelican Lagoon, KI, on 6 February [CB]. 4 were at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 31 March [CR]. 5 were over-wintering at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 5 July [CR]. One was at Pelican Point, Port MacDonnell, SE, on 1 February [MC & LM]. One or two birds are often seen along this stretch of coast in the summer [MC].

In the second half of the year 2 flew past Newland Head on 15 August [JBC & CR]. Sixteen were at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 20 September [CR]. 9 were at Price Saltfields, YP, on 5 December [JH & CR].

Terek Sandpiper, *Xenus cinereus*. R(S).

One was at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 2 January [JF]. One was at number 19 Beacon boat ramp in the Goolwa Channel, MM, on 17 January [CR]. One was at Dry Creek Saltfields on 20 January and 14 February [CR] and was still present on 15 April [CR].

In the second half of the year one was at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 25 October. One was at Price Saltfields, YP, on 4 November [JBC & DH] and again on December 5 [JH & CR].

Grey-tailed Tattler, *Heteroscelus brevipes*. R(S).

One was at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 16 March [CR]. Three were at Stony Point, Port MacDonnell, SE, on 26 February [CR]. There are usually several birds at this location during the summer [MC].

Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*. V.

One, in breeding plumage, was in Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 13 April [CR, TC].

A brief description from notes taken at the time is as follows:

Bird with bright rufous crown streaked black; nape still greyish-rufous giving capped effect. The head showed a prominent supercilium with obvious rufous wash to area over ear coverts with dark lores giving an eye-stripe effect when seen at a distance. Rufous wash to streaked sides did not extend to white throat and centre of breast. Bill was black and finely tipped. Upperparts, black centres to scapulars with brick red fringing, some with white tips. Brick-red fringes extended to wing coverts, and tertials with rufous fringes to the tips giving the back (complete upper parts) a bright rufous appearance by comparison to adjacent Red-necked Stints. Under-parts were plain white and legs black.

Long-toed Stint, *Caladris subminuta*. R(S).

Two were at Greenfields Wetlands, Magazine Road, AP, on 18 January and still present on 19 February [JBC]. One was in a mangrove pool near the pump house at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 12 April and one in a bay on the eastern boundary on 14 April [CR].

In the second half of the year one was at Coongie Lakes, NE, on 12 November and one at Pandiburra Bore on 15 November [JBC & CR]. One was at Greenfields Wetlands, Magazine Road, AP, on 21 November and the number had increased to 11 by 1 December [JBC]. 2 were in a mangrove pool north of the Cormorant roost in Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 28 November [CR]. One was near the old pump-house in Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 8 December [DC].

Pectoral Sandpiper, *Caladris melanotos*. R(S).

One was at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, one at Buckland Park Lake, AP, and one at Greenfields Wetlands, Magazine Road, AP, on 9 January [CR]. One was at Tolderol GR, LA, on 24 February [DM]. 3 were at Greenfields Wetlands, Magazine Road, AP, on 27 February [JBC]. One was at Tolderol GR, LA, on 1 March [ABo]. One was at Goolwa Sewage Ponds, FP, on 5 March [DM, JD]. 3 were at Tolderol GR, LA, on 6 March [CR, PK, JD] and the number had increased to 4 on 28 March [TD]. Three were at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 25 March [CR, JF]. 3 were still present at Tolderol GR, LA, on 10 April [CR, JBC]. One was at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 15 April and one was on the mudflats at St Kilda, AP, on 17 April [CR]. In the second half of the year one was at Pandiburra Bore, NE, with Sharp-tailed Sandpipers [JBC, CR]. One was at Greenfields Wetlands, Magazine Road, AP, on 29 November [JBC] and again on 19 December [CR, JH, AB].

Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax*. R(S).

A single Reeve in first winter plumage was at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 9 January and again on 20 and 25 January and 10 February [CR]. One was at Bool Lagoon, SE, on 27 January [PP & JBe]. In the second half of the year one was in a mangrove pool at Dry Creek Saltfields, AP, on 19 December [AB, JH & CR].

Painted Snipe, *Rostratula benghalensis*. R.

One, a male, was at Paiwalla Wetlands, MM, on 3 February [PK]. Photographs taken.

Bush Stone Curlew, *Burhinus grallarius*. R.

3 were near the Wildlife Park, Bordertown, upper SE, on 30 March [FR] and 2 were at the same location on 13 May [CR & JBC]. 7 pairs were reported breeding in the Bordertown-Hyman region over 2004/05 but they succeeded in fledging only one young. 2 were on KI, location not noted, on 25 April [RS].

Lesser Sand Plover, *Charadrius mongolus*. R(S).

6 were at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 13 January [CR & JBC]. 4 at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 7 February [CR & DH].

In the second half of the year 3 were at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 20 December [CR].

Greater Sand Plover, *Charadrius leschenaultii*. R(S).

23 were at Thompsons Beach, AP on 13 January [CR & JBC]. 10 at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 7 February [CR & DH].

In the second half of the year 7 were roosting at Thompsons Beach, AP, on 20 December [CR].

Hooded Plover, *Thinornis rubricollis*. R.

A juvenile was at Emu Bay, KI, on 12 January [AR]. 4, 2 adults and 2 chicks were at Port Elliot Beach, FP, on 18 January while one immature was at Bashams Beach, Middleton, FP, on the same day [WS]. 5, 3 adults and 2 immatures were at Parsons Beach, FP, on 20 January and 4, 2 pairs, were at each end of Waitpinga Beach, FP, on the same day. [WS]. One was at Danger Point, Port MacDonnell on 23 January [BG]. 2 were on Long Beach, Robe, with eggs, on 24 January [BH] and 2 at the southern end of Long Beach, Robe, SE, on 28 December [BH & THa]. 20 were in Vivonne Bay, KI, on 28 January [CB]. 2 were at Blackfellows Caves, SE, on 1 February [MC]. Two adults and a juvenile were on Bashams

Beach, Middleton, FP, on 17 February [WS]. 2 were at Cape Banks, No. 2 Rocks, Canunda, SE, on 19 February [BG]. 3 were on Long Beach, Robe, SE, on 22 February [ABo]. 4 were on the Piccaninnie Ponds beach, SE, on 26 March [BG]. 2 were on Tunghills Beach, Deep Creek, FP, on 9 June [JJP]. 2 were at the Hindmarsh River estuary, Victor Harbor, FP, on 24 June [DC]. 4 were on Parsons Beach, FP, on 8 July [WS]. 2 were at Kent Reserve, Encounter Bay, Victor Harbour on 29 July [CR & JBC]. 2 were at Encounter Bay, Victor Harbour, FP, and 2 on Waitpinga Beach, FP, on 15 August [CR & JBC]. 2 were on Normanville Beach, FP, on 4 October [PS]. 3 were on Bashams Beach, Middleton, FP, on 24 October [HC]. Five, 2 adults and 3 chicks were on Bashams Beach, Middleton, FP, on 22 November [WS].

Oriental Pratincole, *Glareola maldivarum*. R(S). 4 were at Pandiburra Bore, NE, on 15 November [JBC & CR]. One was in a paddock near Aldinga Scrub, FP, on 8 December and remained for about two weeks [NH].

Kelp Gull, *Larus dominicanus*. R. 15 were at Danger Point, Port MacDonnell, SE, on 12 March [CR]. 35 were at Piccaninnie Ponds beach, SE, on 26 March and the number had increased to 52 on 22 May [BG]. 12 were at Piccaninnie Ponds beach, SE, on 5 June [CR].

Little Tern, *Sterna albifrons*. R. 4 to 10 birds were breeding at Danger Point, Port MacDonnell, SE on 3 January and 17 were at the same location on 2 February [JBe]. Possible successful breeding occurred on a small scale but the attempt was disrupted by bad weather and local disturbance [JBe]. 6, all in breeding plumage, were on the beach near Eight-mile Creek, Port MacDonnell, SE, on 10 December [BS].

White-winged Black Tern, *Chlidonias leucopterus*. R(S).

4 were at Tolderol GR, LA, on 6 March [CR, PK, JD].

Flock Bronzewing, *Phaps histrionica*. R. A flock of between 700-800 was on the inside track to Birdsville, Clifton Hills, NE, on 3 January [CR & JBC]. A male came in to drink at a water tank in the Innamincka Regional Reserve, NE, on 13 November [CR & JBC]. 6 were near the Birdsville Track, Clifton Hills area, NE, on 17 November [DP].

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, *Calyptrorhynchus banksii*. R. 4 were at Telford Scrub C.P., SE, on 21 February [NM]. 24 were 6.7km south of Bangham C.P., SE, on 26 March and a pair was in Pine-Hill Soak C.P., SE, on 27 March [AB]. 12 were just north of Bangham C.P., SE, on 14 May [JBC & CR]. 102 were at Wandilo NFR, west of Telford Scrub C.P., SE, on 30 April [BH, P & DHa] and in May [BH, P & DHa]. The May count for SE SA and SW Victoria produced a record 900 of which 300 were in SA [per BG]. At least 70 were at Wandilo NFR, SE, on 15 November [AD] and at least 40 were present on 27 November [RMe]. 30 were at Naracoorte Golf Course, SE on 26 December [KA & DM]

Gang-gang Cockatoo, *Callocephalon fimbriatum*. R, [V] One flew across the West End Highway near Flinders Chase NP, KI, on 7 February [AS per CB]. Also reported from KI in 2004.

Regent Parrot, *Polytelis anthoepus*. R. A flock of 12-16 was at Loxton, MM, in large gums on the river-front on 25 January [JT]. 12 were at Shell Hill near Mannum, MM, on 20 February [KB]. 2, a male feeding a female, were in Morgan C.P., MM, on 18 September [CR & JBC]. Under reported, but regular along the Murray between Morgan and Renmark.

Swift Parrot, *Lathamus discolor*. V. Eight flew across the road 13km east of

Millicent, SE, on 13 April [BG]. Two were feeding in open woodland on the road south of Custom, upper SE, on 14 May [JBC & CR].

Orange-bellied Parrot, *Neophema chrysogaster*. R(W).

One was 40 km north of Kingston on 23 July [VN & EL]. Birds reported from near the Tauwiterie Barrage, Coorong, and identified on call, could not be confirmed. Numerous Elegant Parrots were in the area and the report was most likely based on confusion between the alarm calls of Elegant and Orange-bellied Parrot by observers unfamiliar with the former [CR].

Scarlet-chested Parrot, *Neophema splendida*. R.

Up to 7 females and juveniles were in Pinkawillinie C.P., EP, between 8 and 16 December. [AP]. Several photographs of adult female and juveniles were taken.

Channel-billed Cuckoo, *Scythrops novaehollandiae*. V.

One was calling from the top of a tree at Tumby Bay Caravan Park, EP, on 18 May [IB]. An unusual southerly record. This species is usually reported from the river systems of the NE. See Carpenter, Black, Harper and Horton (2003) and Reid (2000).

Powerful Owl, *Ninox strenua*. V.

Two were in Honeysuckle NFR on 26 April [BH, D & P Ha]. One was roosting in the Caroline Forest Reserve, lower SE, on 29 May [HCo & JBC]. Two were roosting in a Pine plantation in the Caroline Forest Reserve on 3 June [CR & RF & BG]. The birds seen roosting on 3 June were still present up to 19 June [BSE]. One was heard in nearby natural bushland on 21 July [BH].

Azure Kingfisher, *Alcedo azurea*. R (SE Glenelg River)
Extinct MLR.

One was at the Dry Creek Shacks, lower Glenelg River, SE, on 4 June [CR].

Dollarbird, *Eurystomus orientalis*. V.

One, an immature bird with dark bill and legs, was at 'Muntiri' Milang, LA, on 3 April [AB].

Southern Emu-wren, *Stipiturus malachurus*, R in MLR EP.

3, 2 males, one a juvenile, and a female, were in Cox Scrub, MLR, on 12 August [AP]. This species was reintroduced to the park in July 2001. See Rogers (2003).

Grey Grasswren, *Amytornis barbatus*. R.

Several were in lignum along dry watercourses at the southern end of the inside track to Birdsville, Clifton Hills, NE, on 3 January [CR & JBC]. These observations are approximately 40km to the SW of the usual site for this species at Koonchera Waterhole.

White-throated Gerygone, *Gerygone olivacea*. R(S).

One was near the Giant Lobster, Kingston, SE, on 18 October [PE].

Chestnut-breasted Whiteface, *Aphelocephala pectoralis*. R.

4 were in the Mt Lyndhurst area, NE, on 10 January [JBa]. Several were 32 km north of Marla, NE, on 17 February [BB]. 3 were at Mt Lyndhurst, Strzelecki Track, NE, on 15 November [RS] and 5 were at the same location on 16 November [JBC & CR].

Black-eared Miner, *Manorina melanotis*. R.

Eight were on Calperum Station, MM, on 19 April [JR]. Three were at Gluepot Reserve, MM, on 19 September [TH]

Black-chinned Honeyeater, *Melithreptus gularis*. R.

One was at Gregory Street, Port Elliot, FP, on 11 February and again on 9 March [WS]. Five were near the Inman River behind the Victor Harbor Sewage Ponds, FP, on 4 June [DC]. Between 4 and 10 were at Geegeela C.P., near Bangham, SE, on 29 April [BH]. 6 were with a mixed flock of passerines feeding

on small flying insects in Glen Roy C.P., SE, on 5 June [CR]. One was at 6 Gregory Street, Port Elliot, FP, on 5 July [WS]. 2 were near Mylor in the Adelaide Hills, MLR, on 4 August [PW]. One was at Frenchmans Drive, Port Elliot, FP, on 7 August. Calling noted along the Inman River at Victor Harbor, FP, on 6 August [per JD]. 2 were on a property north of the Murray River, Murray Bridge, MM, on 23 August [PK]. Several were at Kaurna Park Wetlands, AP, over the period 10-28 August [BA].

Brown Honeyeater, *Lichmera indistincta*. R(S). One was at Itjinpiri, AP Lands, NW, on 14 February [JvW].

Painted Honeyeater, *Grantiella picta*. V. One was at Christmas Creek, Innamincka Regional Reserve, NE, in October [JR].

Pied Honeyeater, *Certhionyx variegatus*. R(S). A pair was at Maize Island Lagoon C.P., near Waikerie, MM, on 17 April [DS] and six, including 3 males, were at Swan Reach C.P., MM, on the same day [TD]. One was at Brookfield C.P., MM, on 2 October [SAOA Campout].

Yellow Chat, *Epthianura crocea*, R. Numerous males in breeding plumage and large numbers of females and juveniles were at Pandiburra Bore, NE, on 15 November [JBC & CR].

Rose Robin, *Petroica rosea*. R(W). One, a first year bird, was mist-netted at Crafers, MLR, on 18 June [CRi].

Western Whiphird, *Psophodes nigrogularis*. R. One was observed singing at Cape Gantheaume, KI, on 29 April [FR].

Olive Whistler, *Pachycephala olivacea*. R. One was at Piccaninnie Ponds C.P., SE, on 26 March [BG]. One was in Snow Gum NFR, SE, on 16 May [CR & JBC]. Several were calling in

the vicinity of Lake George, SE, on 8 December [CR]. Several were calling at Picks Swamp, 3km west of Piccaninnie Ponds C.P., SE, on 26 December [BH].

Red-lored Whistler, *Pachycephala rufogularis*. R. Two were at Calperum Station, MM, on 19 April [JR]. 3 were at Gluepot Reserve, MM, on 2 October [TC].

Satin Flycatcher, *Myiagra cyanoleuca*. R(S). A breeding pair were at Woolwash NFR, SE, on 2 January [MFN] and another pair were at Telford Scrub C.P., SE, on 22 January [BG & JBe]. One was at Windy Hill NFR, SE, on 6 February [SB]. One was at the start of the Beera Track, Cleland C.P., MLR, on 19 November [HT]. A female was on the north-eastern boundary of Telford Scrub C.P., SE, on 9 December [CR]. 2, a male and a female, were on the northern track in Telford Scrub, SE, on 11 December [BS].

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, *Coracina papuensis*. R(S). One was in Snow Gum NFR, SE, on 16 May [JBC & CR]. One was at Glen Roy C.P., SE, on 5 June [CR]. 4, 2 adults and 2 juveniles, were in Telford Scrub C.P., south eastern corner, on 9 December [CR].

Olive-backed Oriole, *Oriolus sagittatus*. R. One immature was on the Honeysuckle Track, Caroline State Reserve, SE, on 30 January [JBe]. One was in Penola C.P., SE, on 16 May [CR & JBC]. A pair was breeding in a pine tree at Currency Creek, FP, on 7 September [per HCr]. One was at Cowarry Scrub, Killanoola, SE, on 13 November [RM].

Little Woodswallow, *Artamus minor*. R(S). At least 10 were at New Well Hill, eastern end of Musgrave Ranges, APL, NW. Pairs with nests containing three eggs or young were located in caves on 22 October [JvW]. Four were just south of Arkaroola, FR, on 17 November [JBC & CR].

Pied Currawong, *Strepera graculina*. R.
At least one was at Honeysuckle NFR, SE, on 10 March [BH]. At least 10 were at 'Broomfield' southeast of Mt Gambier, SE, on 1 May [CR & JH]. One was at Valley Lakes, Mt Gambier, SE, on 5 June [DHR & MW].

Painted Finch, *Emblema pictum*. R.
Three were just north of Marree, NE, near Hermit Hill on the Oodnadatta Track, on 5 October [DSi].

Bassian Thrush^{Br}, *Zoothera lunulata*. R.
One was at Lake Edward, Glencoe on 6 January [BH]. Two were at Abury Park Outdoor School, Bridgewater, MLR, on 27 March [RH & LL]. These birds were sighted regularly though to June and one was banded [LL]. One was at Lake Edward, Glencoe on 20 April [SB]. Two were near the Mt Lofty lookout, MLR, on 13 May and observed collecting nesting material on 23 May [AP]. One was in Honeysuckle NFR, SE, on 14 May [RF]. Two were at the Overland Track NFR, SE, on 4 December [BSE outing].

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APPENDIX: KEY TO CODES

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LA	Lloyd Ashton	MC	M. Christie	THa	Toni Haywood	JR	J. Robertson
NA	Nicole Anderson	MCi	M. Ciccone	NJ	Nigel Jackett	BS	Bob Sothman
AB	Andrew Black	JBC	John Cox	PK	Peter Koch	DS	David Sando
ABo	A. Booth	TC	Tony Crittenden	EL	Elaine Lawson	DSi	David Simpson
ABr	Andrew Breed	TCo	Trevor Cowie	LL	Liz Liebing	LS	Leigh Schmidt
BB	Barry Bucholz	AD	Alison Dawe	BM	Bev Moyle	PS	Pearl Scapens
CB	Chris Baxter	FD	Frank Day	DM	Denzel Murfet	RS	Ron Symons
IB	I. Bey	JD	Judith Dyer	LM	Lorraine Moore	WS	Wyn Syson
JB	Jack Bourne	JDr	Justine Drew	NM	N. Mitchell	CT	Chris Thomas
JBa	John Barkla	TD	Terry Dennis	PM	Peter Marsh	HT	H. Thompson
JBe	John Berggy	PE	Peter Erwin	RM	R. Moorhouse	PT	Paul Taylor
KB	Kate Buckley	BF	Brian Furby	RMe	Robert Mengler	MT	Michael Todd
PB	Pat Bourne	RF	Rob Farnes	VM	Val Mobley	JT	Jean Tucker
RB	Richard Baxter	JF	John Fennell	MFN	Millicent Field Naturalists	MV	Michael Verco
SB	Sue Black	BG	Bob Green	PN	Peter Nicholson	JW	John Williams
SBe	Sharon Bell	BH	Bryan Haywood	VN	Vicki Natt	LW	Lyn Wickstein
WB	William Breed	DH	David Harper	VN	Vicki Natt	MW	M. Wurley
BSE	Birds South East	DHa	D. Haywood	AP	Andrew Plimer	PW	Peter Waanders
DC	D. Crittenden	DHr	Dan Harley	DP	David Pitman	RW	R. Whatmough
DCI	David Close	JH	John Hatch	PP	Peter Penney	GY	Gwen Young
DCu	Dean Cutten	JHa	Jean Haywood	LP	Lyn Pedler	AZ	Alan Zerna
GC	G. Carpenter	MH	M. Hyland	AR	Alex Randell		
HC	Hazel Cowie	PHa	Peter Haywood	CR	Colin Rogers		