
Native Companions on Kangaroo Island.

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The most interesting record that I have received for a long time came from Mr. M. L. Buick of American River, Kangaroo Island. Under date of October 26 he states inter alia:—"On my way to Kingscote a few weeks ago I saw twelve Native Companions, the first that I have seen on the island." This is indeed good news, and shows the great need for a large protection area on the Island. These birds, usually so shy and wary, seem to have gone to one of the busiest spots on Kangaroo Island, and it is to be hoped that they will be left unmolested there, as on the mainland they are fast becoming rare. The birds being so large their two eggs, which are laid on the ground, are easily found by foxes, and eaten, and even if the young manage to hatch out it is more than likely that they will fall a prey to Reynard.
