

Notes on Some Kangaroo Island Species of Birds.

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Pelagodroma marina, White-faced Storm-Petrel.—In March, 1905, I found a broken egg of a bird of this species in the mouth of a burrow on Kingscote Spit.

Phalacrocorax varius, Pied Cormorant.—In March, 1905, I skinned a fine example which had been caught with a hook and line off the Kingscote Jetty.

Gabianus pacificus, Pacific Gull.—I collected an egg of a bird of this species on a rocky islet near Stokes Bay in October, 1905.

Haematopus unicolor, Sooty Oyster-catcher.—I took a clutch of seven eggs on a rocky islet between King George's River and Stokes Bay in October, 1905.

Lobibyx novae-hollandiae, Australian Spur-winged Plover.—Noted at Stokes Bay, March, 1905.

Charadrius cucullatus, Hooded Dotterel.—At Snelling's Beach, Middle River, March, 1905, I secured a skin of a fine male out of a company of four.

Demigretta sacra, Reef-Heron.—I took a clutch of eggs of a bird of this species on the same islet as *Haematopus unicolor*.

Uroaetus audax, Wedge-tailed Eagle.—Noted at King George's River, March, 1905.

Haliaeetus leucogaster, White-breasted Sea-Eagle.—Noted at Western River, October, 1905.

Pandion haliaetus, Osprey.—I took a clutch of eggs of a bird of this species on a rocky islet between King George's River and Stokes Bay at the same time as *Haematopus unicolor* and *Demigretta sacra*.

Ninox boobook, Boobook Owl.—A bird was found nesting in a hollow in a tree at Western River, October, 1905.

Trichoglossus moluccanus, Rainbow (Blue Mountain) Lorieet.—Numbers of these birds were feeding in gums (*E. leucoxydon*) in flower, Middle River, October, 1905.

Calyptorhynchus lathamii, Glossy Black Cockatoo.—I collected a male, a female, and an egg at Western River, March, 1905. This was the first record for South Australia and Kangaroo Island. The egg is now in my collection. The male is in the S.A. Museum, and the female is in Lord Rothschild's collection at Tring.

Calyptorhynchus funereus, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo.—This species was common at Western River, March, 1905.

Platycercus elegans, Crimson Rosella.—This species was very numerous at Middle River and Western River, March, 1905.

Pachycephala pectoralis, Golden Whistler.—Noted at Kingscote, March, 1905.

Sericornis maculatus, Spotted Scrub-Wren.—Collected at Kingscote, March, 1905, and later in the same year at Middle River, not far from the mouth of the river. Mathews's type of the sub-species *S.m. ashbyi* was, I believe, one of the Kingscote skins.

Hyalocola cauta, Shy Ground-Wren.—Collected at Middle River in October, 1905, and, I think, March of same year as well, on the tops of hills in low scrub. Mathews's type (*H. pyrrhopygia halmaturina*) is from these skins.

Stipiturus malachurus, Southern Emu-Wren.—When staying with Mr. George Bell at Stokes Bay in March, 1905, he told me of an Emu-Wren that had been killed by his dog on the heathy country at the back of Stokes Bay. This was the first record of the occurrence of this species in Kangaroo Island.

Malurus cyaneus, Superb Blue-Wren.—Met with at every place I visited. I think the type of the sub-species *M.c. ashbyi* was either Middle River or Western River, in March or October, 1905.

Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris, Eastern Spinebill.—Numerous at Middle River and Western River camps, March, 1905.

Meliphaga leucotis, White-eared Honey-eater.—Noted near Stokes Bay, March, 1905.

Meliphaga cratitia, Purple-gaped Honey-eater.—Noted at Kingscote and Middle River, March, 1905.

Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera, Crescent Honey-eater.—A ♀ was taken at Western River, 20/10/1905.

Zonaeginthus bellus, Beautiful Firetail.—Noted along the creek near the bridge at Middle River, October, 1905.

Strepera melanoptera, Black-winged Currawong (Bell-Magpie).—At Wisanger in March, 1905, this species was very numerous and the birds were doing much damage in Mr. P. T. Bell's apple orchard. I think the type of Mathews's sub-species *S.m. halmaturina* was the skin I got there. I also found a nest with young therein at Western River in October, 1905.
