

*fera*, but as they are in very limited numbers and inhabit distant scrubby patches, records are difficult to make of their movements. It is uncertain whether they are regular visitors. I am inclined to think that they are not.

The Rose Robin (*Petroica rosea*) was recorded on May 2, 1942, which is late, as their average date of arrival is on April 17. They are well distributed through the brushes and scrubby patches in the ranges and occur in pairs. No breeding has been recorded and they are absent after September.

Of the White-throated Warbler (*Gerygone olivacea*), some birds remain during winter, and an increase in numbers is noticed after the first week of September. They are common over the district and breed freely. They are a host of the Bronze-Cuckoo. Their numbers decrease from April onwards each year.

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**Birds of Fishermen's Bend.**—In *The Emu*, vol. XXXVI, page 276, Mr. Jack Jones wrote an article on the birds of this area. Since then he and I have regularly visited 'the Bend,' and several rare visitors have been noted. The rarest visitors to my mind were a party of three Pied Oyster-catchers first seen on February 15, 1939. Two of those birds stayed at the Bend for several days. An immature Sooty Oyster-catcher appeared on May 9, 1939, and stayed three days. On the morning of October 19, 1941, a pair of Caspian Terns was noted resting on the beach. A pair of Red-kneed Dotterels was seen at a small pool near the beach on the morning of August 25, 1940. The Double-banded Dotterel arrives at the Bend towards the end of March each year, and throughout the winter flocks varying from 200 to less than a dozen birds are to be seen there. The birds acquire their bands in June and July and leave for parts unknown by early September. Recently a party of Pacific Gulls was seen resting on a sand-spit—45 immature birds and 37 mature birds. Pacific Gulls are always to be seen at the Bend, but not usually in such numbers as this.

Other birds noted at the Bend, and not mentioned in Mr. Jones's article, are Stubble Quail, Little Crake, Coot, Spur-winged Plover,\* Banded Plover, Golden Plover (now to be seen in full nuptial plumage), White Ibis, White-necked Heron, Egret, Pink-eared Duck, Hardhead, Blue-winged Shoveller, Musk Duck, Pied Cormorant, Gannet, Little Falcon, Pallid Cuckoo, Narrow-billed Bronze-Cuckoo, Flame Robin, Willie Wagtail, Brown Song-Lark, Little Grass-bird, Magpie Lark, White-backed Magpie and Pipit.—ROY WHEELER, Elwood, Vic., 10/4/43.

\*See *Emu*, vol. XXXVIII, p. 17, as to this species and Pelican and Tippet Grebe at 'the Bend.'—Ed.