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Dotterels Swimming.—Although most species of dotterels spend a great deal of time walking about in shallow water, it is only rarely that a bird has been known to settle on water out of its own depth and swim for a short time.

In 1916, Dr. A. M. Morgan (*S.A. Orn.*, 2 (5), 123) described a remarkable diversionary display by a pair of Red-kneed Dotterels (*Erythrogonys cinctus*). In the course of the display the birds fell on to water as if shot, but later they rose easily from the water.

While observing a small flock of this species at the lagoon which had been filled, at the time, at Craigie's Plain, Hundred of Brownlow, south of Bower, S.A., in October, 1941, I disturbed the birds, and one of them alighted on water about a foot deep. After floating quite easily for several minutes it flew off without difficulty.

Bruce Amos (*Emu*, 49 (1), 58, 1949) recently reported a Double-banded Dotterel (*Charadrius bicinctus*) swimming on the Victorian coast.—E. F. BOEHM, Sutherlands, S.A., 12/8/50.