Angus Robinson refers to the Swamp-hen on the Ashburton River as *Porphyrio bellos*.

Since the above was set up in type I received word from Mr. J. Sutton, of Adelaide, that a Swamp-hen with green legs had been captured alive at Orroora, 170 miles north of Adelaide, about July 1, 1934, and had been placed in an aviary. Mr. Sutton very kindly asked Mr. J. T. Gray to examine the bird, and the latter reported that the legs and top of the feet were green, the under feet and toe-joints being almost black. Mr. Gray has been asked to have the bird watched to note if any change occurs in the colour of the legs and feet. This is apparently the first time that a Swamp-hen with green legs has been recorded from South Australia.

I may further note here that on September 2, 1934, I watched from a few yards' distance a pair of Swamp-hens on a lake in the Bridgetown district. The birds, which were in brilliant plumage, had hazel-brown legs, the joints being darker in colour.

**Editor’s Note.**

In *Check-list of Birds of the World, Peter**, Vol. II, just available; *P. melanotus* and *P. bellus* are both included as sub-species of *P. paloecephalus* (Latham), with *P. melanotus australis* and *P. m. woodwardi* in the synonymy. *P. p. fletcheri* is included as a third Australian sub-species.

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**Notes on the Feeding of the Boobook Owl.**—Recently, while passing through Melbourne, I spent some time at Brighton. On June 20 in a small patch of tea-tree scrub near the sea-shore I came upon a Boobook Owl (*Ninox boobook*). Seeing a number of small feathers adhering to the twigs near the bird, I threw a stone, which flushed the bird, also causing it to drop something. I retrieved this object and found it was a partly-eaten Silvereye (Zosterops). The head and neck were partly eaten, and as the bird was still warm, the Owl had evidently been eating the Silvereye when interrupted.

This is one of the first instances, I believe, in which a Boobook Owl has been seen, not only hawking, but eating its prey during the day. It is interesting to note that when the Owl flew, the trees, which had been alive with small birds (Blue Wrens, Silvereyes, and Sparrows) suddenly seemed deserted, showing that these birds realize the danger of an Owl’s daylight flights.—ALAN G. KILPATECK, Brisbane, Queensland.

1 *Bird Life between Uluruura and Oodlong, W.A.* The Env., Vol. XXXIII, p. 128.