

LOCAL BREEDING OF BIRDS

Some very interesting observations of Red-winged Wren and of the Scarlet Robin were made by Mr. Alwyn Pepper of Perth in his successful attempts to breed these birds in captivity. Mr. Pepper and his wife were honoured by the South Australian Avicultural Society for their achievements, receiving Bronze medals for First Breeding Achievements for these species.

Mr. Pepper expressed the opinion that these birds were more difficult to care for in aviaries than the Red-eared Firetail (see September issue).

STRAY POSSUM

A small ring tailed possum became the centre of attention in the Department's main office recently. It was brought in by a kindly lady who had come into possession of it and did not know what to do with it.

The possum spent most of the afternoon snuggled up inside of the clerks' jackets and protested loudly when disturbed.

Telephonist Miss Dale Patrick who is caring for it at her home has been hand feeding it and the possum now has the run of the house being treated and acting like a family pet.

Just what Miss Pa'rick's attitude would be if the possum brings home a friend and sets up camp in the roof remains to be seen.