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CONDON, Herbert Thomas

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Herbert Thomas Condon was born in Melbourne, Victoria, on 27 February 1912 and moved with his family to Adelaide at an early age. He was educated at Unley High School and later undertook part-time studies at the University of Adelaide, but did not take a degree.

H.T. Condon joined the South Australian Museum in 1929 as a cadet aged nearly 17, and in 1933 was seconded to the Honorary Curators of Ornithology Dr A.M. Morgan and John Sutton. He became assistant in Zoology in 1935, and five years later he was made Curator of Birds, a position he held until his retirement in September 1974, following several years of declining health. H.T. Condon died on 12 January 1978 at the age of 65 years.

H.T. Condon was a member of the South Australian Ornithological Association, joining in 1933 and serving as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer on the Editorial Committee, Vice-President, President (1951-1952) and Editor of the South Australian Ornithologist 1953-1964. He was made a Fellow of The Royal Australian Ornithologists Union in 1973, having joined the Union in 1937.

H.T. Condon was not only a master of precise English but also a competent artist in both line drawings and watercolours. He had a special skill for caricature sketches. Mrs E.R. Fellows donated a volume of caricatures to the State Archives in 1984 and the other material was donated to the Mortlock Library in 1992 by the artist's brother Mr R.F. Condon.

Source

"The South Australian Ornithologist", Vol. 28, Part 6, p 169.  
(Obituary for H.T. Condon)

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Album of caricatures. 1933-1937. 1.5cm. Pen, pencil sketch (2 volumes) [The second volume transferred from D6648 (Misc.)]	<u>1</u>
Pen sketch caricatures on art paper 1934-1949. 20cm. (23 items) [Matted individually.]	<u>2</u>
Pen and colour wash sketch of bird n.d. 0.5cm.	<u>3</u>
Pencil sketches and roneo produced caricatures 1933, 1937, 1945, n.d. 2cm.	<u>4</u>

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1984. 0.5cm. Photocopy  
[Copy of letter to B.S. Baldwin, Deputy Archivist,  
from Mrs Ethela R. Fellows, nee Hale. A Caricature  
of the writer appears on Page 1 of Volume 2 of  
caricatures, Series 1. The letter makes reference to  
the creation of the volume. Transferred from D6648(Misc.)]