

Two eggs of the Blue-winged Kingfisher (*Dacelo leachii*) with two eggs of the Northern Blue Mountain Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus nova-hollandiae septentrionalis*) in same nesting hole; noted by Mr. W. McLennan near Coen, Cape York Peninsula, North Queensland, on 25th October, 1921. When first observed (22/10/21) the nest contained one egg of each species.

Stray Feathers

Eggs of Black-ringed Finch (*Stizoptera annulosa*).—A clutch of 5 eggs in my collection possesses very small specks of black, well distributed over the larger ends of the specimens. Collected by Mr. W. McLennan on Groote Eylandt, Northern Territory, on June 15th, 1921. Another clutch containing 7 eggs was taken by Mr. R. Hislop at Cooktown, North Queensland, November 4th, 1898. These eggs also possess black specks on their larger ends.—HENRY L. WHITE "Belltrees," Scone, N.S.W., 9/12/21.

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Albino Australian Pipit or Ground Lark (*Anthus australis*).—A white specimen of this bird was noticed by the overseer (Mr. J. Telfer) with one of his men. The bird was a young one, and was noticed to be weak on the wing, so they immediately gave chase. The bird kept going for about quarter of a mile, reaching a rough gorge, where it took shelter for a time. On being disturbed again, it flew up and down the side of the gorge, until getting into open country. Making off, it flew into a very thick swarm of grasshoppers, which seemed to upset the bird, and Mr. Telfer was able to get his hat over it.—A. B. BETTINGTON, R.A.O.U., "Brindley Park," Merriwa, N.S.W., 30/11/21.

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Hawk and Dottrels.—While on the bank of the Merriwa Creek one day lately, I noticed a Collared Sparrow-Hawk (*Accipiter cirrhocephalus*) make a dart at three Black-fronted Dottrels (*Charadrius melanops*) that were running along the edge. To my astonishment the Dottrels dived into the stream, and keeping under the water, made for the opposite shore. On the Hawk turning again, the same thing was repeated, and so on for half an hour, when I left. It is the first time I have ever seen a Dottrel take to water. A most remarkable feature was the direct dive; they went in like stones, sometimes 15 feet from the shore. Some time elapsed between each swoop. After making a miss, the Hawk went direct to an "Oak Tree," and waited until the Dottrels took to the wing. He missed them badly each time, and the Dottrels did not seem more nervous than usual.—A. B. BETTINGTON, R.A.O.U., "Brindley Park," Merriwa, N.S.W., 30/11/21.