

the apex is nodular, and the posterior angle is wide and high, not narrow and low, although, as this joins a fleshy part, it may vary from time to time. The colour of the bird changes with time, and when Miss King made her sketch early in March, it had assumed colours which were identical, with the exception of the occipital patch, with those of *mitratus* as figured by Keulemans.

**Green Catbird Nesting.**—Whilst walking down a particularly dense gully at Lilyvale, South Coast, N.S.W., early in November, 1929, I discovered the nest and two creamy eggs of the Green Catbird (*Ailuraedus crassirostris*). The nest was built in a bushy *eugenia* sapling, about seven feet from the ground, and, when viewed from below, bore a striking resemblance to the nest of the ringtail 'possum. The sitting bird did not attempt to leave the nest until the sapling was vigorously shaken, when she fluttered into the thick undergrowth nearby. The nest is a deep, cup-shaped structure, constructed of twigs, palm fibre and broad dry leaves. It is about five inches deep and eight inches in diameter.

The Catbird is fairly plentiful in this locality, where it is confused with the Satin Bower-bird (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*). Both species are locally known as "Satin-birds," the confusion being due to the fact that the female and immature male *violaceus* are somewhat similar to the Catbird, even though the latter is much more beautiful than its bower-building relation.—A. J. MARSHALL, R.A.O.U., Penshurst, N.S.W.

**Bookseller's Prices.**—In a recently published catalogue of ornithological works received from a London bookseller, some extraordinarily high prices are asked for well-known works relating to Australian ornithology. A copy of Campbell's *Nests and Eggs* in 2 vols. is offered at £14/14/-. The 1st edition of Buller's *Birds of New Zealand* is listed at £18/18/-, while the 2nd edition of that work, together with the Supplement, is quoted at £50. Originally Littler's *Handbook of the Birds of Tasmania* was published at 4/-, but in this catalogue it is priced at 25/-. An incomplete copy of Perry's *Arcana*, a very scarce work in which several Australian birds and mammals are figured, is offered for £7. The amazing price of £7/7/- is asked for Newton and Gadow's *Dictionary of Birds*. Gould's *Birds of Australia* ranges from £250 to £285, according to the state of binding. These last prices are a little below those usually sought by Australian booksellers for that work, but so far as the other books mentioned are concerned the prices asked are almost double those current in this country.—D. DICKISON, R.A.O.U., Melbourne.