

An almost identical combination was observed in a deserted nest of *A. pusilla* in 1916; the only dissimilarity being an egg of *Chalcites basalis* instead of *L. plagosus*. See Stone, page 108, Vol. XVI., *The Emu*.

(b) 1 Rock Warbler (*Origma rubricata*); 2 Fan-tailed Cuckoo.

NOTES:—20/9/30. Found by J. N. King in the Picton district.

(c) 1 Red-eyed Bulbul (*Otocompsa emeria*); 2 Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*).

NOTES:—16-12-30. Observed at Penshurst.

(d) 1 Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*); 2 Narrow-billed Bronze Cuckoo (*Chalcites basalis*).

NOTES:—18-12-30, noted by Miss C. Sharpe at Beralla.

(e) 1 Yellow-throated Scrub-Wren (*Sericornis lathamii*); 2 Fan-tailed Cuckoo.

NOTES:—23-12-30. Observed by J. N. King, at Lilyvale, eggs heavily incubated.—A. J. MARSHALL, R.A.O.U., Penshurst, N.S.W.

Kingfisher Ejecting Pellet.—On January 22, 1931, while watching a pair of Sacred Kingfishers (*Halcyon sanctus*) feeding their young in a hole in a termite's nest on a dead gum tree, I saw the female alight on a bare branch near me and watched her through my glasses. After sitting still for three or four minutes she opened and closed her bill three times and the last time ejected a round dark pellet. After a careful search I found the pellet, about the size of a large pea, but oval, dark brown and moist. I carried it home and examined it through a powerful magnifying glass, and found it to be composed of minute fragments apparently of beetles' wing cases, some red and some purple, also some gauzy bits of wings and some thread-like fragments resembling antennæ, as well as many straight pieces that might be parts of insects' legs—all very minute and hundreds of them altogether. This is the third species of bird I have seen eject pellets, but it is the first pellet I have been able to find. I have several times seen Rainbow-Birds (*Merops ornatus*) eject them, and once a Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*) perched on a tree above a creek into which the pellet fell.—E. COMRIE SMITH, R.A.O.U., Brisbane, Queensland.

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