

SUMMARY

Data is given on nest sites, clutch size, egg sizes and nesting success of a small population of the Grey Teal, which is rather rare in New Zealand. Ducklings were reared in an aviary and notes and illustrations are given of plumage and moult sequence.

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Ground-Thrush in Northern Victoria.—Recent reports of the occurrence of the Ground-Thrush (*Oreocincla lunulata*) at Maryborough, Vic., and Deniliquin, N.S.W., have prompted me to forward records of three occasions when I have noted the species in the Bendigo district, Vic.

On July 19, 1952, when on a visit to a large tract of mallee scrub between North Bagshot and Kamarooka, Mr. R. Eddy and I noticed a pair feeding on the ground in thick scrub in a particularly dry area.

Four days later I encountered a single bird on a timbered hill-top near Spring Gully Reservoir (three miles from Bendigo).

On July 19, 1953, I was walking through a small gully in an iron-bark forest near Kangaroo Flat when I heard what I considered to be the low call notes of Spotted Quail-Thrushes (*Cinclosoma punctatum*), which are fairly common here. Investigation revealed a pair of Ground-Thrushes. The soft, contact call notes of both species are somewhat similar.

It will be noted that the three observations were made in the month of July, and in each case the birds were probably passing through. August I have found, was the main nesting month in and around the Dandenongs for *O. lunulata*.—J. V. RYAN, Bendigo, Vic., 22/6/55.

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