

Two Black Duck egg clutches were measured. The averages and extremes are given below—

	Averages	Extremes	
1.	56.1 x 39.1	56.8 x 41.0	54.9 x 33.2
2.	56.9 x 41.4	58.0 x 41.9	56.0 x 41.7

From these measurements it will be seen that there was considerable variation in the sizes of the eggs, particularly the width where a variation of 8.7 mm. was recorded.

Nesting tables of the two other nesting species are listed below—

1	24- 9-55	Blue-winged Shoveler. Broken wing act
2	15-10-55	Family of three White-eyed ducklings, 3 days old
3*	15-12-55	Blue-winged Shoveler. Male flapper, 8-10 weeks old
4	7- 1-56	Blue-winged Shoveler. Male flapper. Assumed same bird as in item 3.
5†	12- 2-56	Blue-winged Shoveler flapper 6-8 weeks old

* Had all the species' colours except the white face streak.

† Duller bird than items 3 and 4.

Photography of the birds at the nests proved difficult. The use of a hide with a companion walking away, tried on several occasions, was generally unsuccessful. Once an operator was left in the hide with two companions moving off, but the bird did not return to the nest until the operator also left the hide.

Some pictures were eventually secured by approaching a few feet a day with the hide until within ten feet of the nest and then entering the hide in the early hours of the morning in the case of the Grey Teal and overnight in the case of the Black Duck.

SUMMARY

Details of the nesting or evidence of nesting of fifteen pairs of Grey Teal, eleven pairs of Black Duck, two of Blue-winged Shovelers and one of White-eyed Ducks are given. In all, one hundred and one ducklings were counted and a further forty estimated hatched during the 1955-56 season. Some courtship and general behaviour notes are also recorded.

Victorian Grey-headed Albatross.—On December 30, 1955, members of the Bird Observers Club found a freshly beach-washed specimen of the Grey-headed Albatross (*Diomedea chrysostoma*) at Nelson, Victoria. It was brought to the National Museum, Melbourne, where the registered number of the specimen is B.6240. From previous records in *The Emu* (November 1952, p. 274; December 1953, p. 304; June 1954, p. 118; and May 1955, p. 103) this appears to be the sixth Victorian record for this species.—HELEN I. ASTON, Hawthorn, Victoria, 15/1/56.