

*Tringa nebularia*. Greenshank.

Two birds were seen at various dates between December 17, 1957, and March 17, 1958, at the same spot on the Cocketgedong Creek, Jerilderie. On February 17, 1958, there was a flock of sixteen birds at a swamp on Moorna Station, west of Wentworth (recorded in *Emu*, vol. 58, p. 291) and a flock of sixteen was at the same spot on April 8, 1958. These records could probably indicate that where conditions are suitable, northern waders will summer inland and are not necessarily just passing migratory visitors when seen away from the coast.

*Erolia ferruginea*. Curlew-Sandpiper.

Two birds, one in full breeding plumage, at Yanga Lake, Balranald, on May 6, 1958. There were seven at Lake Boga, Victoria, on April 2, 1958.

*Erolia ruficollis*. Red-necked Stint.

At various dates in April, 1958, and up to May 4, parties of up to 50 birds were at Fletcher's Lake, Dareton. Undoubtedly passage was continuous through this area at the time, as the percentage of birds in breeding plumage varied considerably at each visit. Twelve at Yanga Lake, Balranald, on May 6, 1958.

*Erolia acuminata*. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.

On May 4, 1958, there were at least forty still at Fletcher's Lake, Dareton. This is apparently a late date for such large numbers to be found so far south.

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**Note on Australian Egg of the Australian Snipe.**—Recently I interviewed a shooter who was reported to have an egg of a 'Jack Snipe' (*Gallinago hardwickii*) taken near Swan Hill. During the winter of 1956 he shot many snipe and in cleaning birds for the table found in one an egg 'ready for laying'. Since there was often discussion amongst shooters as to whether the Jack Snipe bred in Australia, he kept the egg on a sideboard as proof to visitors. Unfortunately, it was accidentally smashed before my arrival. He described it as about the size of a Starling's egg and in colour much like that of a Plover. He noticed no other eggs of any size in the bird. He was hazy as to the date but suggested it was July or August, though he admitted it may have been later. We have recorded the Snipe near Swan Hill in September.

I was on the point of submitting these notes to the Editor, thinking the occurrence unique, when my attention was drawn to the following. In *The Emu*, vol. XII, part 2, October 1912, page 119, A. C. Stone writes of *Gallinago australis* (= *G. hardwickii*)—"Dr. Mitchell, late of Swan Hill, once found a fully-developed egg in a bird he dissected".—V. T. LOWE, Mystic Park, Vic., 27/7/58.