

Island, which, when all circumstances are assessed, should be declared a Faunal Reserve. A move in that direction is now being considered by the relevant authorities.

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Coots Nesting in Tasmania.—I refer to Mr. Sharland's notes in *Emu*, vol. 60, p. 95. I was with my sister, the late J. A. Fletcher, when she found the nests of Coots mentioned in such notes. From remembrance I know three or four nests were found at different times, in one particular corner of the large lagoon near Cleveland school. There the water was deeper and the reeds much taller than in other parts of the lagoon. The nests were much neater than those of the Bald Coot, being oval in shape and long, whilst Bald Coots were almost round and untidy. My sister was collecting for the late Gregory Mathews to whom she sent a clutch of four or five eggs. The eggs found were all lightly sprinkled with small dots, and not blotched as Bald Coots' eggs are.

A clutch and nest were given to the Victorian Museum in Launceston, Tasmania, when the late H. H. Scott was director.

In none of the other numerous lagoons of this district were Coots' nests found.—S. E. FLETCHER, Upper Burnie, Tas., 8/6/60.