

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RAOU NEST RECORD SCHEME

Three thousand and eleven cards were returned for the 1974-75 season. This is the second consecutive year in which more than 3,000 cards have been submitted.

PARTICIPATION

Between 30 June 1974 and 1 July 1975 the following eleven individuals joined the scheme:

P. and R. Congreve (WA)	P. Hazelgrove (Qld)
R. A. Elvish (Vic.)	A. Leishman (NSW)
A. and B. Fewster (WA)	A. Pecze (Vic.)
A. W. J. Fletcher (Tas.)	G. L. Porter (Qld)
D. Grace (NT)	

Previous annual totals have again been altered by the inclusion of 501 cards for past seasons in the return of 3,011. In their return of 378, M. Brooker, J. Estbergs and M. S. Jones included 346 cards for past years; eighty of these were for Little Crow

and sixty-three for Nankeen Kestrel. The Bird Observers' Club included sixty-four cards from their Simpson Desert trip in their contribution of 342. Mr F. F. James has resigned as representative for the BOC and I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the considerable help and support he gave me.

Prof. G. L. Maclean included eighteen cards for the Australian Pratincole in his contribution of 175. S. B. Unthank for the second successive year returned forty-six cards for the Red-browed Firetail in his total. A. Pecze sent in twenty-five cards for the Brown Thornbill, all recorded from one property. Each card is of value to the scheme and I thank all contributors for their work and interest in furthering the knowledge of the breeding habits of native and introduced birds. Seventy-one individuals and four corporate bodies contributed to the Scheme and these are listed in Table I.

TABLE I

Contributors to the scheme for 1974-75 (number of cards in brackets after name)

G. Alcorn, W. Alcorn, H. Watkin (19) NSW
 Mrs N. P. Ali (4) Tas.
 P. Allan (50) Vic.
 Miss C. M. E. Allen (13) Vic.
 P. Balmford (4) Vic.
 Mrs R. Bigg (11) NSW
 E. C. Birt (12) Qld
 BOC (342) Vic.
 J. A. Bravery (3)
 J. Broadbent (5) NSW
 M. G. Brooker, J. Estbergs, M. S. Jones (378) WA
 R. J. and M. N. Brown (27) WA
 P. and R. Congreve, WA branch RAOU Campout (58) WA
 Mrs C. C. Crowe (42) NSW
 R. A. Elvish (10) Vic.
 A. and B. Fewster (4) WA
 A. W. J. Fletcher (113) Tas.
 T. W. Gardner (41) Vic.
 T. R. Garnett (3) Vic.
 R. Garstone (67) WA
 C. L. Gill (38) SA
 D. G. Gosper (31) NSW
 D. Grace (5) NT
 R. Jaensch (15) SA
 R. J. Hadley (2) Qld
 P. Haselgrove (46) Qld
 L. C. Heinecke and E. F. Boehm (85) SA
 Bro. Matthew (5) PNG
 J. N. Hobbs (191) NSW
 Mrs B. Howie (20) NSW

G. W. Johnstone, K. R. Kerry, D. R. Grace (26) Vic.
 N. Kurtz (28) NSW
 S. G. Lane (12) NSW
 A. Leishman (7) NSW
 V. T. and T. G. Lowe (115) Vic.
 G. L. Maclean (175) South Africa
 W. Maddeford (19) WA
 S. Marchant (28) NSW
 Mrs H. M. McArthur (16) SA
 A. Morris (23) NSW
 O. M. G. Newman, D. Pinner, P. Fielding (55) Tas.
 NSW Fld Orn. Club (18) NSW
 Mrs P. Park (60) Tas.
 Mrs J. Paton (44) SA
 A. Pecze (93) Vic.
 G. L. Porter (16) Qld
 H. F. Recher (4) NSW
 D. R. Reid (11) WA
 Mrs P. N. Reilly (9) Vic.
 A. B. Rose (63) NSW
 N. W. Schrader (119) NSW
 E. H. Sedgwick (10) WA
 M. J. Seyfort (50) Vic.
 R. K. Templeton (22) WA
 Mrs B. E. Triggs (10) Vic.
 S. B. Unthank (142) Vic.
 N. W. and M. J. Vincent (27) Vic.
 VORG (83) Vic.
 L. E. Wall (10) Tas.
 WA Nat. Club, Yunderup Group (46) WA
 E. Wyndham (52) Qld

RESULTS

The total number of cards in the collection is now 24,128 and the annual totals are as follows:

Pre-1964	898
1964-65	1,602
1965-66	1,640
1966-67	1,786
1967-68	2,405
1968-69	2,407
1969-70	1,598
1970-71	1,675
1971-72	1,914
1972-73	2,098
1973-74	3,597
1974-75	2,508
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Four hundred and eighty-three species are represented. There are sixty-five species with 100 or more cards, nine being added this year. These are listed

in Table II. The Welcome Swallow is the first species to reach 1,000 cards. Cards were received for seven species that were not previously represented: Letter-winged Kite and Little Corella (BOC); Nullarbor Quail-thrush (M. S. Jones); Cattle Egret (P. A. Disher and E. Thomas); Black Falcon (P. Congreve); Freckled Duck (R. Garstone); Bar-breasted Honeyeater (D. Grace and P. A. Disher).

During the year cards were borrowed as follows:

Lt Col H. L. Bell	Eastern Whipbird
Fisheries and Wildlife Dept,	
Vic. (W. Emison)	Honeyeaters
J. Ford	Shrike-tits, Crested Bellbird, Wedgebill, Whipbird, Quail-thrushes
J. Hobbs	Hoary-headed Grebe
S. G. Lane	Silvereye
A. Pecze	Yellow and Scarlet Robins
Dr H. F. Recher	Some honeyeaters
I. Rowley	White-winged Chough

TABLE II
Species list of Nest Record Cards (only species with 100 or more cards)

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	1973	1973-74	1974-75	Total		to	
						1973	1973-74
Little Penguin	220	7	3	230	White-fronted Chat	165	21
Common Bronzewing	87	24	11	122	White-throated Warbler	124	3
Crested Pigeon	244	28	21	293	Striated Thornbill	74	12
Dusky Moorhen	64	48	8	120	Brown Thornbill	138	24
Coot	26	73	21	120	Buff-rumped Thornbill	86	5
Little Grebe	91	82	39	212	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	375	41
Pied Cormorant	120	57	2	179	Clamorous Reed Warbler	126	5
Silver Gull	88	10	14	112	Superb Blue Wren	443	43
Spur-winged Plover	878	51	34	963	White-browed		
Banded Plover	196	25	5	226	Woodswallow	178	62
Red-capped Dotterel	205	21	10	236	Black-faced		
Black-fronted Dotterel	87	20	32	139	Woodswallow	66	31
Pied Stilt	66	39	19	124	Dusky Woodswallow	197	32
White-faced Heron	60	35	16	111	Silvereye	278	29
Black Swan	194	47	66	307	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	199	21
Black Duck	89	12	14	115	White-plumed		
Nankeen Kestrel	143	41	47	231	Honeyeater	124	36
Galah	109	29	19	157	New Holland		
Eastern Rosella	72	23	7	102	Honeyeater	185	9
Tawny Frogmouth	94	15	9	118	Noisy Miner	166	21
Kookaburra	102	15	6	123	Little Wattlebird	81	9
Superb Lyrebird	120	2	0	122	Red Wattlebird	104	11
Welcome Swallow	550	260	224	1034	Richard's Pipit	115	14
Fairy Martin	91	9	8	108	Zebra Finch	130	42
Grey Fantail	382	36	26	444	Double-barred Finch	114	3
Willie Wagtail	670	144	97	911	Red-browed Firetail	299	88
Flame Robin	98	14	8	120	White-winged Chough	170	41
Eastern Yellow Robin	289	41	33	363	Black-backed Magpie	212	47
Golden Whistler	97	6	10	113	White-backed Magpie	208	27
Rufous Whistler	216	26	8	250	Australian Raven	85	16
Grey Shrike-thrush	162	22	15	199	Little Raven	126	40
Magpie Lark	406	73	44	523	Blackbird	352	63
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	154	37	9	200	House Sparrow	111	7
White-winged Triller	125	36	10	171	European Goldfinch	329	38
					Common Starling	253	36

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