

## TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RAOU NEST RECORD SCHEME

The total of 2,101 cards returned for the 1975-76 season is disappointing.

### PARTICIPATION

Between 30 June 1975 and 1 July 1976 the following eleven individuals joined the scheme:

B. Baker (SA)	P. Metcalf (NSW)
P. Dann (Vic.)	Mrs I. C. Morris (Vic.)
P. Fell (Vic.)	M. Paul (NSW)
W. Garrett (NSW)	Mrs D. Smith (NSW)
Miss N. Holmes (NSW)	N. Tolman (Tas.)
P. A. Huggett (NSW)	

In the return of 2,101 cards, seventy were submitted for the past two seasons: eleven for 1973-74 and fifty-nine for 1974-75.

Totals for four species were substantially increased: by P. Dann who sent in forty-four cards for the Little Grebe; S. Marchant, forty-eight for Yellow-faced Honey-eater; D. R. Reid, thirty-three for Zebra Finch; and S. Unthank, fifty-seven cards for Red-browed Firetail.

M. Moss, representative for VORG, has resigned and I wish to thank him for his help and welcome Miss D. Moroney, who has been appointed in his place.

It was with deep regret we learnt of the death of Vic Lowe who had been a stalwart supporter of the Nest Record Scheme. Working with his son, Tom, his fine contribution has been of great value. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Sixty-three individuals and five corporate bodies contributed to the scheme and these are listed in Table I.

### RESULTS

The total number of cards in the collection is now 26,229 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	3,608
1974-75	2,567
1975-76	2,031
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Four hundred and eighty-seven species are represented but thirty-nine cards for New Guinean species that do not breed in Australia are not included.

The addition of six species this season with 100 or more cards brings the total to seventy-one species in this category. These are listed in Table II.

Cards were received for four species not previously represented: Great-billed Heron (D. B. Grace); Fig-Parrot and Black-throated Warbler (W. Horton, D. Twomey, J. Kikkawa); Cicadabird (S. Marchant).

TABLE I

Contributors to the scheme for 1975-76 (number of cards in brackets after name).

G. Alcorn, W. Alcorn, H. Watkin (36) NSW  
 P. Allan (27) Vic.  
 B. Baker (5) SA  
 P. and R. Balmford (2) Vic.  
 Mrs R. Bigg (18) NSW  
 BOC (50) Vic.  
 J. Broadbent (2) NSW  
 Dr A. G. Brown (5) Vic.  
 R. J. and M. N. Brown (86) WA  
 P. Congreve and F. N. Robinson (57) WA  
 Mrs C. C. Crowe (68) NSW  
 P. Dann (50) Vic.  
 R. A. Elvish (20) Vic.  
 W. Emison (10) Vic.  
 P. Fell (13) Vic.  
 A. and B. Fewster (8) WA  
 W. Garrett (15) NSW  
 R. and K. Garstone (39) WA  
 C. L. Gill (25) SA  
 D. G. Gosper (44) NSW  
 D. Grace (18) NT  
 Mrs A. J. Grant (13) ACT  
 L. C. Heinecke, C. F. Boehm (77) SA  
 Bro. Mathew Heron (22) PNG  
 J. N. Hobbs (171) NSW  
 Miss N. Holmes (3) NSW  
 W. Horton, D. Twomey, J. Kikkawa (12) Qld  
 Mrs B. Howie (29) NSW  
 P. A. Huggett (16) NSW

N. Kurtz (19) NSW  
 D. L. Lee (1) SA  
 V. T. and T. G. Lowe (111) Vic.  
 S. Marchant (218) NSW  
 A. Marshland (2) Vic.  
 P. B. Metcalf (39) NSW  
 A. K. Morris (14) NSW  
 Mrs I. C. Morris (6) Vic.  
 O. M. G. Newman (79) Tas.  
 NSW Fld Orn. Club (6) NSW  
 Mrs P. Park (15) Tas.  
 D. Paton (13) Vic.  
 Mrs J. B. Paton (40) SA  
 M. Paul (10) NSW  
 A. Pecze (23) Vic.  
 G. L. Porter (9) Qld  
 RAOU Campout (3) Vic.  
 H. F. Recher (3) NSW  
 D. R. Reid (45) WA  
 Mrs P. Reilly (12) Vic.  
 A. B. Rose (66) NSW  
 N. W. Schrader (86) NSW  
 Mrs R. Smith (39) NSW  
 E. H. Sedgwick (20) WA  
 R. K. Templeton (7) WA  
 N. Tolman (26) Tas.  
 S. Unthank (145) Vic.  
 VORG (114) Vic.

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

	to 1974	1974- 75	1975- 76	Total		to 1974	1974- 75	1975- 76	Total
Little Grebe	173	40	72	285	White-fronted Chat	186	18	8	212
Little Penguin	227	3	13	243	White-throated Warbler	127	2	1	130
Pied Cormorant	177	2	1	180	Striated Thornbill	86	17	18	121
White-faced Heron	96	16	4	116	Brown Thornbill	162	41	44	247
Black Swan	241	66	7	314	Buff-rumped Thornbill	91	10	10	111
Black Duck	102	15	8	125	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	416	64	25	505
Wedge-tailed Eagle	84	10	6	100	White-browed Scrubwren	90	6	9	105
Nankeen Kestrel	184	47	30	261	Clamorous Reed Warbler	131	7	18	156
Dusky Moorhen	112	8	16	136	Superb Blue Wren	486	37	56	579
Coot	99	22	25	146	White-winged Wren	92	7	5	104
Masked Plover*	929	34	29	992	White-browed Wood- swallow	240	4	66	310
Banded Plover	221	6	6	233	Black-faced Wood- swallow	97	6	7	110
Red-capped Dotterel	226	10	9	245	Dusky Woodswallow	229	29	26	284
Black-fronted Dotterel	107	33	5	145	Silvereye	307	12	24	343
Pied Stilt	105	19	2	126	Singing Honeyeater	75	17	11	103
Silver Gull	177	2	1	180	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	220	14	60	294
Common Bronzewing	112	12	8	132	White-plumed Honey- eater	160	17	16	193
Crested Pigeon	272	21	28	321	New Holland Honeyeater	194	14	12	220
Galah	138	19	10	167	Noisy Miner	187	7	8	202
Eastern Rosella	95	7	12	114	Little Wattlebird	90	16	4	110
Tawny Frogmouth	109	9	9	127	Red Wattlebird	117	18	22	157
Laughing Kookaburra	117	6	9	132	Richard's Pipit	129	13	9	151
Sacred Kingfisher	85	10	7	102	Zebra Finch	172	31	35	238
Superb Lyrebird	122	0	1	123	Double-barred Finch	117	1	4	122
Welcome Swallow	810	227	132	1169	Red-browed Firetail	387	50	79	516
Fairy Martin	100	8	18	126	White-winged Chough	212	16	10	238
Grey Fantail	418	26	38	482	Australian Magpie***	576	38	21	635
Willie Wagtail	814	97	67	978	Australian Raven	101	25	8	134
Jacky Winter	86	6	10	102	Little Crow	166	15	11	192
Flame Robin	113	9	7	129	Little Raven	203	33	25	261
Eastern Yellow Robin**	330	33	71	434	Common Blackbird	415	50	44	509
Golden Whistler	103	10	8	121	House Sparrow	118	5	14	137
Rufous Whistler	242	9	16	267	European Goldfinch	367	34	19	420
Grey Shrike-thrush	184	16	12	212	Common Starling	289	31	36	356
Aust. Magpie Lark	480	46	28	554					
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	191	9	15	215					
White-winged Triller	161	10	26	197					

\* Includes 9 cards previously listed for Masked Plover according to 1926 Checklist.

\*\* Includes 25 cards for Northern Yellow Robin.

\*\*\* Includes 270 for White-backed, 317 for Black-backed and 48 for Western Magpie.

During the year cards were borrowed as follows:

Miss S. Barclay	Red-rumped Parrot
P. Dann	Little Grebe
Fisheries and Wildlife Dept., Vic.:	
W. Emison	Victorian breeding species
Dr I. Norman	Common Starling
Prof. G. L. Maclean	Australian Dotterel
S. Marchant	Cuckoo-shrikes
D. Milledge	Pardalotes
R. Noske	Treecreepers

Dr H. F. Recher

Mrs P. Reilly

A. F. Stewart

E. Wyndham

Dr R. Zann

Pied Currawong and some  
honeyeaters

Flame Robin

Some honeyeaters and flycatchers

Budgeryah

Zebra Finch

Because ill health continues, I am resigning as organizer of the Scheme and this is my last report. I want to thank contributors for their help and support which has made my work so interesting and such a pleasure.

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