

A Rare Egg Described

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In the January *Ibis*, pp. 38-39, Mr. H. T. L. Schaanning describes the nest and eggs of the Great Knot (*Anteliotringa tenuirostris*), a bird that is common in northern Australia, but the eggs had not hitherto been described.

Nest.—Located at 1500 feet elevation, on a barren mountain ridge, towards the mouth of the River Kolyma in north-eastern Siberia. The eggs were placed in a slight depression in short reindeer moss.

Eggs.—Clutch four. The colour of the eggs is very characteristic, and the appearance of the clutch differs from that of all other waders. The ground colour is greyish-yellow, uniformly closely speckled with reddish-brown, and between are underlying lilac spots. At the broad end of the egg the reddish-brown forms a distinct cap or wreath with a few twisted lines of a tan-brown colour. Average measurements, 44.1 by 31.5 (41.2 to 45.4 by 30.7 to 32.3).

Breeding Season.—June.

Unknown Eggs of Australian Birds

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The description of the nest and eggs of the Great Knot (*Anteliotringa tenuirostris*) fills another gap in our knowledge.

In my book on the *Birds of Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands* I have collected a certain number of descriptions that were unknown when my *Birds of Australia* was being published.

I have made out the following list of desiderata and hope that any information about the nest and eggs will be sent to me or published in *The Emu*; and that the names of any other birds, of which we do not know the nest and eggs, may be added. This need not include extinct birds, as their eggs are now to be considered unprocurable.

The eggs of the following birds are, I believe, undescribed. I include only those on the Australian List:—

Big-crested Penguin (*Eudyptes sclateri*).
 Black-banded Pigeon (*Leucotreron alligator*).
 Chestnut-quilled Rock-Pigeon (*Petrophassa rufipennis*).
 Storm-Petrel (*Fregetta tabulata*).
 Storm-Petrel (*Cymodroma rogana*).
 Shearwater (*Calonectris leucomelas*).
 Spectacled Petrel (*Procellaria conspicillata*).
 Silver-grey Petrel (*Priocella antarctica*).
 Antarctic Petrel (*Thalassoica antarctica*).
 Mottled Petrel (*Pterodroma inexpectata*).
 Soft-plumaged Petrel (*Pterodroma mollis*).
 Prion (*Heteroprion belcheri*).
 Yellow-nosed Albatross (*Thalassarche chlororhynchus*).
 Sooty Albatross (*Phæbetría fusca*).
 Oriental Noddy (*Eupodella nereis*).
 Little Whimbrel (*Mesoscolopax minutus*).
 Grey-tailed Tattler (*Heteractitis brevipes*).
 Red-necked (Little) Stint (*Pisobia ruficollis*).
 Long-toed Stint (*Pisobia subminuta*).
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Limnocolinus accipitrinus*).
 Red-checked Parrot (*Geoffroyus geoffroyi*).
 Red-faced Lorileet (*Opopsitta coxeni*).
 Golden-winged Parrot (*Psephotellus chrysopterygus*).
 Hooded Parrot (*Psephotellus dissimilis*).
 Night Parrot (*Geopsittacus occidentalis*).
 Red-fronted Parrot (*Cyanoramphus novæ-zeelandiæ*).
 Plumed Frogmouth (*Micropodargus plumiferus*).
 Marbled Frogmouth (*M. ocellatus*).
 Uniform Swiftlet (*Collocalia fuciphaga*).
 Oriental Cuckoo (*Cuculus optatus*).
 Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo (*Cacomantis castaneiventris*).
 Shining Bronze-Cuckoo (*Lamprolaima lucida*).
 Rufous-breasted Bronze-Cuckoo (*L. russatus*).
 Long-tailed Cuckoo (*Urodynamis taitensis*).
 Noisy Scrub-Bird (*Atrichornis clamosa*).
 Masters Gerygone (*Ethelornis mastersi*).
 — Gerygone (*Rogigerygone insularis*).
 Little Yellow-Robin (*Kempella kempii*).
 White-throated Grass-Wren (*Magnumyia woodwardi*).
 Black Grass-Wren (*M. housei*).
 Eyrean Grass-Wren (*Eyramyia goulderi*).
 Oriental Reed-Warbler (*Conopoderus orientalis*).
 Norman Fantail-Warbler (*Cisticola juncidis*).
 Chestnut-breasted Whiteface (*Aphelocephala pectoralis*).
 Green-backed Honeyeater (*Glyciphaga claudi*).
 White-lined Honeyeater (*Dorothina albilineata*).
 Melville Island Friar-Bird (*Neophilemon gordonii*).
 Blue-faced Finch (*Chlorommia trichrou*).