



Hooded Robin on Nest.

Photo by C. H. H. Jerrard, R.A.O.U.

schools be written to pointing out that under the new Act all native birds, with very few exceptions, were totally protected, and, further, that it was an offence for anyone under the age of 16 to carry firearms. The matter was taken up by the Police Department and also by the daily and weekly press, so that much good should arise owing to the publicity given.

One matter which gave some concern in Tasmania was that the English Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) was found to be increasing and to be destructive to fruit. As the result of representations, the Department of Agriculture placed a price on these birds, but when payment was commenced it was found that they were much more widely-spread than was previously anticipated, with the result that the payment had to be withdrawn. It would appear that there is no chance now of preventing this species spreading throughout the island, and it will undoubtedly prove a source of considerable economic loss to fruit growers.

I would again direct attention to the matter raised in my last report, namely, the advisability of the Union laying down a definite law as to exactly what constitutes scientific work as regards ornithological collectors, as such a course would be of considerable assistance to the boards which are responsible for the issue of permits to collectors.

The Commonwealth Committee dealing with the export of birds from this State has met several times to discuss shipments proposed to be made from this State. From the foregoing it will be seen that both Commonwealth and State Boards, as well as representatives of the Union, have had a busy year in furthering the study and conservation of our native birds.

CLIVE E. LORD,
State Secretary.

Nesting Hooded Robin.—The Hooded Robin (*Melanodryas cucullata*) is the commonest Robin in the forest areas of the Burnett District. It awakes earlier than any other bird, its clear call "Whee-whew-whew-whew" beginning long before daylight. The nest pictured was supported by the "suckers" springing from the stump of a ringbarked sapling. The bird was remarkably tame, remaining on the nest during the whole time it took me to get the photograph. Afterwards when I attempted to touch her, she left the nest just before my hand reached her, and dropping to the ground, gave a realistic imitation of a badly injured bird. The photo. was taken on August 23, 1929, at Boondooma, South Burnett District, Queensland.—C. H. H. JERRARD, R.A.O.U., Gayndah, Queensland.