

be heard twittering regularly each night as he courts his mate towards yet another egg-laying event.

Here, then, is the remarkable case of a large species of owl, hardy and evidently prolific, limited perhaps in mid-winter nesting on its island habitat owing to adverse effects on food supply, but showing here that it will breed irrespective of season—in summer, winter, autumn or spring. How strongly it is at variance with the strictly seasonal members of the genus *Ninox*!

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The set of three eggs of *Tyto castanops* sent to me by Mr. David Fleay in February, 1947, may be described as follows.

Oval in appearance and dull white in colour. Texture of shell fine and smooth with a very slight gloss. Specimen A has a small limey nodule towards the larger end.

Measurements in millimetres are—

- A. 47·8 x 35·0
- B. 47·5 x 36·0
- C. 47·5 x 37·0

It is interesting to note that these eggs differ considerably in shape from those of the *Ninox* group, which are characterized by their spherical form, and that, although they have a closer resemblance to those of *Tyto alba*, they are so much larger, stouter and closer grained that they could not be confused with them.

Bilateral Ovaries in Australian Goshawk.—A female Australian Goshawk (*Astur fasciatus*) captured in a domestic pigeon house near Sutherlands, S.A., in April, 1948, by Miss D. M. Schiller (now Mrs. Boehm) was subsequently handed to me for examination. It was found to have the right ovary developed to about 70 per cent of the size of the left ovary.

Bilateral ovaries have already been noted by me (*Emu*, 42 (4), 251, 1943) in the Collared Sparrow-Hawk (*Accipiter cirrocephalus*).—E. F. BOEHM, Sutherlands, S.A., 8/1/49.

Cuckoo Feeding Young.—On September 10, 1948, at Clackline in Western Australia, while bird observing with Mr. H. Butler, of the West Australian Naturalists Club, I watched a Pallid Cuckoo feeding a well-grown young Pallid Cuckoo. After it picked up something from the ground, both birds flew from a large gum tree to a dead one, and, sitting on a branch in full view, the mature bird placed what appeared to be a large caterpillar in the open beak of the young one.—CAROL JACKSON, Hawthorn, Vic., 15/11/48.