

into the air again, when, after viewing the area once more, it alighted on the ground about 15 yards away from the chick, and started to waddle on its short legs and talons towards its offspring. Owing to its body being set close to the ground, due to its short legs, and owing to what appeared to be a cautious desire to avoid making the brittle fallen bark, twigs and leaves emit a noise that would attract attention, the waddling bird carefully wriggled in a lizard-like motion around every obstacle until it reached its fledgling.

Observations made earlier indicated that after the young had emerged from the shell the parent birds had transported the chick about two yards from it, no doubt to remove it from the vicinity of the tell-tale empty and easily-discernible eggshell. For photographic purposes, the eggshell was misguidedly placed alongside the chick, and when the parent bird wriggled up to its young it promptly raked the chick away from the broken eggshell with its wing, since the jagged edges of the broken eggshell would have irritated it if it had brooded upon it. It then nestled upon the chick. I was dubious as to whether the action of the parent in clearing the chick from the proximity of the broken eggshell had placed it out of focus, but I took the chance of photographic failure, and made a snap. The bird, as will be seen by the illustration, was still in focus. This was the only photo. taken, and although I allowed the parent bird to brood over the chick for a considerable time to give it confidence and the chick warmth, it did not return after it was again disturbed, during the next half-hour, so I then left it in undisputed possession of its offspring.

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**Some Migrants Near Brisbane.**—These notes were taken recently ten miles south of Brisbane. The Rose Robin (*Petroica rosea*) was last seen by me on August 26, four days earlier than last year. The Leaden Flycatcher (*Myiagra rubecula*) appeared on September 13, the male only, and two days later, in another place, both male and female. They nest not far from the house. On September 13 I saw the first Black-faced Flycatcher (*Monarcha melanopsis*) I have seen—a male. I think it must have been passing south, as I have not seen it here before. The song is something like that of the Leaden Flycatcher in tone, but the two notes slur upwards, and then the same two notes slur downwards; it has also the harsh, grating note peculiar to the other Flycatchers I know. The Little Friar-bird (*Philemon citreogularis*) appears some time during the first half of September usually, but has not come yet—September 15. The Varied Triller (*Lalage leucomela*) first appeared on July 31, the male only. The Bronze Cuckoo (*Lamprocoecyx*) came on August 16.—(MRS.) E. COMRIE-SMITH, R.A.O.U., Brisbane.