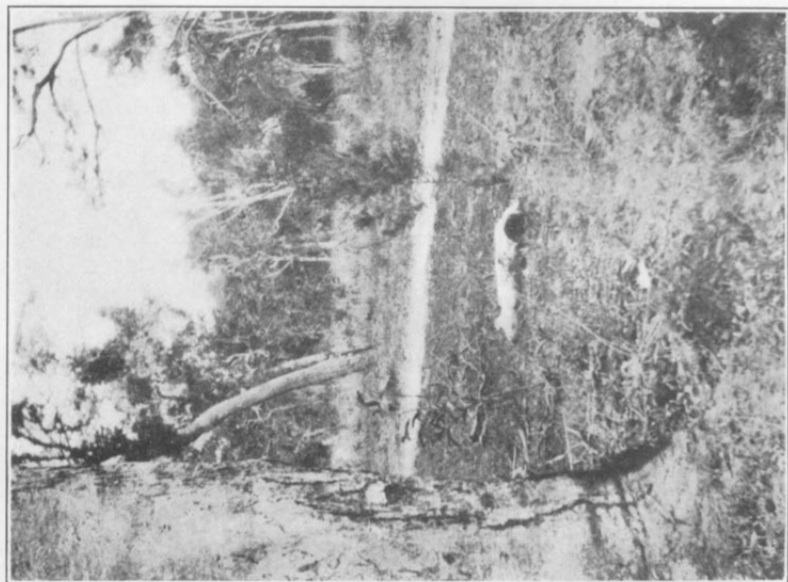


Eggs of *Opopsitta coxeni*.
From Valdie Christensen Collection.

Photo. by G. C. Clutton.



Nesting site (in hollow log on the ground) of
Opopsitta coxeni, at Urangan, near
Maryborough, Queensland.

Photo. by Valdie Christensen.

Nest and Eggs of the Blue-browed Lorilet (*Opopsitta coxeni* Gould)

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The nest and eggs of this little Lorilet were discovered by Mr. Valdie Christensen, at Urangan, near Maryborough, Queensland, and are described here for the first time. Mr. Christensen informed me that the bird has been a very rare visitor to the Urangan district during a number of years which he has lived there. He first identified the Lorilet as it sat on the limb of a tree near a log which later proved to be the nesting site. In order that there would be no mistake regarding the identification, I forwarded a packet containing males and females of *Opopsitta coxeni* and allied species, to Mr. Christensen, who was thereby enabled to confirm his opinion. He informed me that there are many wild fig-trees and berry-bearing trees in the district, mostly growing among the thickets and uncleared land, whilst mistletoe berries are abundant close to the nest, and some large fig trees are in a hollow near the beach about one-quarter of a mile away. The actual vicinity of the nesting site is open forest land, near the Urangan Public School.

The nest was in an old, rotted-off, boomerang-shaped stump which was half buried in the ground, thus forming a hollow, and the eggs were laid about twelve inches from the entrance.

The eggs are two in number, pure white, and with a slight lustre on the shell. They are not absolutely oval, one end being slightly more pointed than the other. They measure, in millimetres, 15×12 . It was observed that they were quite warm when discovered, and examination proved that incubation had commenced. Date of discovery, August 2, 1934.

First clutch in the Valdie Christensen Collection, Urangan, via Maryborough, Queensland.

A newspaper report tells of the "champion" eagle trapper of New South Wales, a misguided resident of the Peak Hill (Wagga) district, who has trapped 725 eagles in three years (including 500 last year). The trapper is evidently not susceptible to argument as he "is satisfied" that if he does not get the eagles they will get the lambs." And probably he is proud of his achievement.

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