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**Note on the Narrow-billed Bronze-Cuckoo.**—In the spring of 1928, while working in an orchard at Lower Norton, near Horsham, Victoria, I had the unusual experience of actually seeing the act of this bird, *Chalcites basalis*, foisting its egg on to a foster parent. At the time I was doing some late pruning on a large pear tree, and hidden well down in the butt was the nest of a pair of Red-capped Robins, which contained two eggs.

Presently I noticed a commotion on the ground a couple of trees' distance away, and saw that the Robins were excitedly worrying a Cuckoo, which was sitting on the sand. Very shortly the Cuckoo rose, picked up its egg in its bill, and placed it in the Robins' nest—leaving the two Robin eggs as they were. The Robins worried the Cuckoo the whole time, until it disappeared, after which the hen returned to the nest as if nothing untoward had happened.

Further developments were as usual. The young Robins hatched a day before the Cuckoo, but the larger bird soon got rid of his rivals.

I previously examined the egg of the Cuckoo, which was not chipped in any way, though it looked a fairly big mouthful for the Cuckoo. In the case of *Chalcites basalis* it may be the practice of the bird to lay on the ground, and afterwards place the egg in that of the foster parent. As to the other species of cuckoos I have no experience.—A. D. SELBY, Kallista, Vic., 10/8/46.

**Grey Fantail.**—I am indebted to Mr. H. M. Leicester, a friend who farms at Kindred in northern Tasmania, for the following note. When Mr. Leicester was cutting back a hedge, he came upon a nest of a Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura flabellifera*) almost complete. To provide adequate protection for the nest he left a few yards of hedge uncut. However, the birds were evidently not satisfied, for later in the day Mr. Leicester found them dismantling the nest and carrying the material away, evidently with the intention of building the nest elsewhere.—C. C. LAWRENCE, Lindisfarne, Tas., 9/8/46.