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**Breeding of water-birds near Mt. Isa, Qld.**—After a number of unsuccessful trips to Lake Moondarra (Leichhardt Dam) this year I discovered a small colony of Caspian Terns, *Hydroprogne caspia*, and Silver Gulls, *Larus novaehollandiae*, on December 8. As the dam level falls during the dry season small islands are uncovered; these are mostly stony knolls that quickly get a cover of low, fleshy-leafed weed.

On the above date there were 50 or 60 Terns on the dam, together with 10 or 12 Silver Gulls. Nests were found on a small island 100 yd from the shore, the island being about 50 yd by 20 yd in area and the highest point 3 ft above water level. A search revealed two nests, with two eggs each, of the Tern and three almost fully-feathered Silver Gulls. The Terns' nests were on open stony patches in the centre of the island and about 2 ft above water level. There was evidence of several other abandoned nests and one dried-out broken egg with an almost fully-formed chick and one dead fledgling.

On an adjacent island I discovered an old egg of the White-headed Stilt, *Himantopus leucocephalus*, and the number of Stilts in immature plumage in the area suggested that they had used these islands earlier. However, Stilts are still nesting in other sections of the dam as I found nests with eggs in late November and again on December 1.

A nest with two eggs of the Red-capped Dotterel, *Charadrius alexandrinus*, was also found on December 1, in the same area as the Stilts were nesting.—R. K. CARRUTHERS, Mt. Isa, Qld., 15/12/62.