

Drummond Rk. A nest with 2 eggs was found on the west corner on September 3, 1961.

Snag I. A single nuptial-plumaged bird flew overhead on September 3, 1961.

E. Beagle I. The only pair noted on September 6, 1961, had a nest with 2 eggs on the north-east corner of the plateau between a small cliff and a tall *Nitraria* bush so that it was out of the path of seals. On December 13, 1961 a juvenile and an adult were noted.

[To be concluded]

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## Obituary

### THEO ATHOL EVERITT

Theo Athol Everitt died at Sydney on December 6, 1964. "Sam", as he was known to his friends and associates, was born on March 10, 1910. The early part of his life was spent in the bush surroundings of Oarley, an out-lying suburb of Sydney, where he developed a keen interest in natural history, with particular emphasis on the field study of birds. He was a keen walker and spent much of his leisure wandering over the rugged terrain of what is now known as the Royal National Park, south of Sydney, using as his base the zoologists' cabin, then pleasantly situated near the junction of Hacking River and Waterfall Creek.

Another interest was the Naval Reserve, from which he was called up to serve in the Royal Australian Navy as a lieutenant for the duration of the Second World War. The illness from which he suffered in the latter part of his life was attributed to a tropical infection contracted while serving in areas north of Australia.

Theo Everitt was State Secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union during 1939-1940 and was also Honorary Secretary of the Royal Zoological Society of N.S.W. In recent years he was a warden and member of the Parochial Council of St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, and, later, a member of the Council and Treasurer of St. Peter's Church, Walgett. In the latter town he was manager of the Rural Bank of N.S.W., subsequently transferring to Gundagai.

The very useful general index of contents to volumes 1-37 of *The Emu*, published in 1939, was compiled by Mr. Everitt, who had joined the R.A.O.U. in 1933.

Mr. Everitt is survived by his wife, Elenore, and daughter, Rosalie, to whom the sympathy of members is extended.—K. A. HINDWOOD.