

as far as plumage is concerned, in the female of *P. phœnicea* here and on the mainland.—H. STUART DOVE. West Devonport (T.), 26/8/03.

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NESTS AND EGGS OF *XEROPHILA CASTANEIVENTRIS* (MILLIGAN).—In the last issue of *The Emu* (p. 70) Mr. A. W. Milligan described a Chestnut-bellied Whiteface—a new and very distinct species of *Xerophila*. Knowing that I possessed eggs of a *Xerophila* from the same region (Murchison, W.A.), he thoughtfully sent me (per favour of Mr. B. Woodward, F.G.S., Curator of the Perth Museum) a set of eggs for comparison and description, collected by Mr. Fred. Lawson.

The following is Mr. Milligan's description of the nest :—

"Resembles in a general way those of the other members of the genus, being somewhat bulky in size, loose in construction, and irregular in form. It has a covered top and a side entrance, the latter being large and lacking neatness in construction. The materials composing it are a heterogeneous collection, comprising principally the slender and perished stems of soft-wooded plants and bleached stems of grasses, with which are intermixed cow-hair, small strips of rags, string, wool, and Emu feathers. The inside of the nest is abundantly lined with poultry feathers. The front aspect of the nest has a deep rusty-coloured appearance, owing to some of the materials being dirt-stained with the red soil of the locality. The nest was discovered in an old stump. The over-all measurements are—length, $14\frac{3}{4}$; girth, $12\frac{1}{4}$ inches."

Eggs.—Clutch 4 or 5; oval to roundish-oval in shape; texture of shell fine; surface glossy; colour, white or pinkish-white, more or less spotted and blotched with chestnut and dull purple, thickest around the apex, where these colours appear in a confluent band of purplish-brown. Dimensions in inches of a set :—(1) .74 x .52; (2) .7 x .53; (3) .7 x .53; (4) .7 x .52; (5) .69 x .52. Two sets were taken by Mr. Lawson, 14th and 25th July, 1903, respectively.—A. J. CAMPBELL.

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CAMP DATA, 1903.—*Swifts*.—13th January.—Tremendous flight of Swifts over Langton; air alive (6.45 p.m.) with them, high and low, uttering shrill cries and travelling westward; followed by thunderstorm. 17th February, 10.45 a.m.—Fair flight over Clermont, high, going east. 2nd April, 6.30 p.m.—Small flight over Logan Downs, fairly high, eastwards. 6th April, 8, 9.15 a.m.—Large flight over Logan Downs, low, going N.W. by W. 6th April, 11.30 a.m.—Large flight over Logan Downs, low, going S.W. by W. 6th April, 1.30, 4.45 p.m.—Hawking over house. 7th April.—Nice showers of rain.

24th April, Logan Downs.—Flushed sitting Bronzewing Pigeon; 2 eggs.

29th April, Logan Downs.—Flushed sitting Peaceful Dove; 2 eggs.



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