

## CURRENT OBSERVATIONS.

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### “Wittunga,” Blackwood.

FROM EDWIN ASHBY.

Throughout the month of July the Yellow-rumped Tits (*Geobasileus chrysorrhous perksi*) were busy building in the creepers round my house.

July 25th.—The Yellow Wings (*Meliornis novæ hollandiæ subassimilis*) flew out of nest in the garden fully fledged.

August 5th.—Found nest in the orchard of *Ephthianura albifrons* with one egg of *Ephthianura*, and one egg of *Neochalcites basilis mellori*. The nest was on the ground, and the cock *Ephthianura* was sitting closely.

Early in August the Pallid Cuckoo (*Heterosceus pallidus*) was whistling freely.

August 11th.—Found nest of Warty-faced Honey-eater (*Zanthomiza phrygia tregellasi*) just completed, situated in the fork of a Peppermint (*E. odorata*) about 10 feet from the ground. The outside of nest composed of bark and grass stems; the inside well lined with soft vegetable fibre and cotton. On the 17th (six days later) there were two eggs slightly incubated.

August 21st.—Grey Shrike-Thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica victoriæ*) fledged and left the nest.

Warty-faced Honey-eaters are exceedingly numerous in our district this year, much more so than is usual.

August .—On this date we examined a Southern Little Wattle Bird (*Anthochaera chrysoptera intermedia*) nest. This was built in a loquat in my garden. Although the bird had been sitting for several days there was only one egg. On the 23rd August the chick was a fair size, covered with black down. Is the laying of only one egg due to the exceptionally dry season, or is one a full clutch in many cases? I have found usually two eggs to form a clutch of this species.

[Clutch of one egg not uncommon.—Eds.]