The Nesting of the Spotted Nightjar (Eurostopodus guttatus).

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On 13th October, 1928, when Mr. Hurtle Morphett was driving Mr. J. Sutton and myself through a paddock on his estate at Wood's Point, River Murray, we put up a Spotted Nightjar from amongst some mallee shoots. A search was made for the egg without success. Next day we drove to the same paddock, and, having tied up the horses, walked along the buggy tracks of the day before. After walking a hundred yards or so Mr. Morphett flushed the bird again and noted the clump of shoots from which it rose. On going over to the clump the only thing I saw at first was a dull reddish stone, which gradually resolved itself into a young bird, squatting hunched up with closed eyes and the head drawn back between the shoulders.