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Near Maitland, Y.P., 20/9/29.

My first and most important note is the Blue-winged Parrot (*Neophema chrysostoma*). A small party of seven was seen on 15th September a mile south of Balgowan. Their flight attracted my attention, as it is faster than our common Parrot, the Mulga (*Psephotus varius*). I followed them up, and was able to get within a few yards and observe them closely through the field-glasses for half an hour. The Banded Plovers (*Zonifer tricolor*) are nesting freely this year. The first nest was found on 19th June. It then contained two eggs; the third egg was laid on 21st, and the fourth on 23rd June. Up to date I have found five nests, the last one to-day with four eggs, and the bird was flushed off the nest. Last year I had eight nests under observation at the one time; a rather interesting one was found on 8/9/28, when it contained six eggs with four birds in attendance. The Budgerygahs (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) were here last season in thousands, from 24th September, 1928, to 4th March, 1929, and nested freely in the mallee. Crimson Chats (*Epthanura tricolor*) were down, and nested here last year.