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*HOOD—Bool Lagoon Notes.*

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By Master Jack Hood.

Under date of 7th November, 1931, he wrote—"I have recently found a number of the nests of the Golden-headed Fantail-Warbler (*Cisticola exilis*). The first nest was found on 23rd October, and it contained two young which were fully grown and had left the nest by the 26th. On this same day I found a nest containing 4 eggs, another with 3 eggs, and a third which had just been started. On the 4th November this last nest contained 4 eggs. To-day I found one in a crop of oats. It was built under a leaf of a thistle and was also joined to the oat stalks. Two of the other nests were in the centres of cutting-grass tussocks. They were built outwardly of fine grass and were lined with thistle down and spiders' webs. The nests were situated from 6 inches to 2 feet from the ground, that containing the young being the highest. All the nests except the one with the young were being added to, so by

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watching the birds carrying nesting material the position of the nesting site would be shown, but even then some of the nests were difficult to find. I think that it must have been too late for finding the nests of the Fantail-Warblers when you were here.\* At present I think those birds do not leave here at all, but I will try to find out during the coming year. I recently found the nest of a Lewin Water-Rail (*Rallus pectoralis*) containing 7 fresh eggs. It was 18 inches up in a cutting-grass tussock. It was built of pieces of the tussock and lined with fine grass.

I have noticed fewer birds about the South-East this year. I have not seen any Marsh Terns (*Chlidonias leucopareia*) nor any White-headed Stilts (*Himantopus leucocephalus*). There are no Cormorants building in the teatree as yet. White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) are nesting, but there are fewer Spoonbills (*Platalea regia* and *P. flavipes*) here this year.