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*Bird Notes.*

By Mrs. Ronald Robertson, "Ruthven," Isisford, C.Q. 10/9/1932.

Galahs (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*) and Little Corellas (*K. sanguinea*) are nesting in every available hollow at present. These two species are always together here. While out riding on 2nd inst. I saw five Wedge-tailed Eagles' (*Uroaetus audax*) nests, and each was occupied—one chick to each nest. The youngsters are fully feathered, and look comical sitting bolt upright on their tails in the sun looking over the plains. Last year in one paddock we had an Eagle that did her best to prove that Eagles do protect their young sometimes. My first meeting with her was when my husband and I rode past the tree, about 50 yards from it, in which her nest was placed. Soon we heard a whistling sound overhead, and, looking up, we saw her descending at a terrific pace with wings back and making straight for us. Both horses were terrified, and it was as much as we could do to steady them after their mad plunging and bolting out of danger. Thanks to the horses' fear we did not find out for certain whether she would have actually attacked us, but are both of the opinion that she meant business. Several

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others recorded afterwards her having swooped at them, but in every case the horse made off without urging. At the time of the adventure there were two fluffy chicks in the nest. It is the only nest of all those used last year that is unoccupied this season. The following are all well represented here just now:—Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*), Jacky Winters (*Microeca fascians*), Willie Wagtails (*Rhipidura leucophrys*), White-winged Trillers (*Lalage tricolor*), Crimson Chats (*Epthianura tricolor*), Singing Honeyeaters (*Meliphaga virescens*), Mickeys or Noisy Miners (*Myzantha melanocephala*), Little Crows (*Corvus bennetti*), Raven (*Corvus coronoides*), Black-backed Magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*). Numbers of the Singing Honeyeaters beat a tattoo on the dining-room window each morning "asking" for their ration of jam, sugar, or cake crumbs. These are some that received first aid during the holocaust last year—and their families.

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