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Banded Landrail (Hypotaenidia philippensis).

A nest of this species was found in the Adelaide Railway Station yards. The attention of Mr. C. E. Budden was directed to the nest by a Chinese who was cutting some of the grass. The nesting site was in a large patch of high grass 20 feet from the fence, 25 yards from a gate in Morphett Street just beyond the north side of the Morphett Street bridge, and 50 yards from the bank of the River Torrens. The grass was some three-and-a-half feet high about the nest, and Mr. Budden states that the long stems seemed to have been drawn together and appeared as a canopy over the nest, which was built on the ground

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between the bases of four stools. The nest was constructed of grass stems and measured four by five inches in diameter. So as not to attract attention Mr. Budden visited the nest in the mornings of the following days:—

- October 6.—Nest pointed out. Two eggs.
 9.—Four eggs in nest.
 11.—Five eggs in nest.
 12.—Six eggs in nest.
 14.—Bird flushed from nest and flew towards the river. First time bird was seen.
 15. Bird was on nest. It flushed and ran through the grass quickly. Could not be traced.
 17.—Bird flushed and ran through the grass.
 19.—Did not see bird. Eggs warm.
 21.—Bird was on nest. It flushed and flew towards the river.
 24.—Bird was on nest. It flushed and flew towards the river.
 26.—Bird flushed from nest. It ran through the grass quickly and could not be traced.
 29.—Did not see bird. Eggs warm.
 31.—Did not see bird. Only four eggs in nest. Eggs cold.
- November 3.—No sign of bird. Eggs cold. Removed two for identification.
 5.—Two eggs in nest.
 7.—Two eggs in nest.
 9.—Four eggs in nest. Removed the eggs as the grass was being burnt off.

(The six eggs were presented to the South Australian Museum. They were all heavily incubated, so it would appear that the person who took two eggs between October 29 and 31 returned them to the nest between November 7 and 9.—J.S.).