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By Samuel Sanders, Moorook, S.A., 11th September, 1936.

The Red-capped Robins (*Petroica goodenovii*) are breeding at present. The building of a nest occupied about eleven days, and as far as I could see, the female did all the work. I was pruning trees near to the nesting site, and not once in a day did I see the male place any material on the nest. The male fed the female at frequent intervals on the 6th September, when the first egg was laid; another egg was laid on the 7th September, since that date the female has only left the nest at short periods; the male also feeds the female when she is off the nest. The Blue-faced Honeyeaters (*Entomyzon cyanotis*) are still here. As a rule they are shy. I have fed them at different times when food for Honeyeaters was scarce. A few years ago I placed a tin of honey, which ants had spoiled for domestic use, upon a post. It was there for several days with the birds feeding from it. When it was empty I put more honey in the tin and the Honeyeaters ate that. Then I placed some marmalade, made from poor-man oranges (*C. trus aurantium* var.), which was candied or sugared. The birds appeared to relish that. I have also given them plum, apricot and peach jams,

but they seemed to prefer honey. My neighbour, Sister Stacey, nurse-in-charge of the local branch of the D.T.N.S., has given the birds honey for over two years. They have become so tame that when she puts the honey in a saucer they come and eat while she stands a few feet away. The Grey Shrike-Thrushes (*Colluricincla harmonica*) are with us all the year. One bird will eat crumbs while you stand close at hand, but it will not leave cover if a stranger is present. The Rock Peblers (*Polytelis anthopeplus*) are not plentiful this season. The Black Ducks (*Anas superciliosa*) and Grey Teal (*Querquedula gibberifrons*) are breeding, but not in large numbers, as many of the trees they used to nest in have been destroyed. I have not seen any Maned Geese or Wood-Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*) for over two years. The fishermen set traps (rabbit-traps), or did a few years ago, on the greenfeed patches where the Wood-Ducks fed, and I have taken the birds from the traps at times.

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