

By T. Brandon, Wilmington. 22nd April, 1937.

*Chenonetta jubata*, Maned Goose.—A brood of goslings was hatched somewhere in the creek, as the birds were found by my mate in one of the pools that had not dried up.

*Querquedula gibberifrons*, Grey Teal.—One pair must have bred, as on climbing the tree they usually nest in I found shells and a lot of fresh down.

*Coturnix pectoralis*, Stubble Quail; and *Turnix velox*, Little Quail.—These birds have been nesting, as the dog caught a half-grown Stubble Quail yesterday, and one of the neighbours found a nest of a Little Quail containing four eggs the other day. These eggs must have been deserted, as although they were quite fresh they were beginning to go hard.

*Nycticorax caledonicus*, Nankeen Night-Heron.—My mate saw one of these birds recently perched in a bushy redgum growing on the creek. This is the first occasion I have known this species to be here.

I wonder if this late nesting has been caused by the good summer rains, and consequently the best summer feed for some years.

The White-fronted Honey-eaters (*Gliciphila albifrons*) have all left, but there are a lot of Grey-backed Silvereyes (*Zosterops halmaturina*) here, real mobs of them in some places. There are not as many Hawks about now as there were in February. The sheep are beginning to lamb, so we see several Wedge-tailed Eagles (*Uroaetus audax*) occasionally. One pair is under suspicion. I think it is the same pair whose nest I have tried to find for the last three years. I know of about twenty nests that I think belong to this pair, but I have never been able to find the one they are actually using. A Brown Weebill (*Smicronis brevirostris*) was noted here towards the end of April—the first time in this district.

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