
MAGPIE AND REFLECTION

During the period April 26 to May 20, 1963, a pair of White-backed Magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) regularly visited my house at Elizabeth East, where the male spent some time looking at its reflection in a tool shed window. The female was only noted to keep to the fence some six to eight feet away.

The male, when facing the window, adopted a crouching attitude with the feathers slightly ruffled. The head was held back to the shoulders with the bill pointing slightly upwards. The wings were held off the body and drooped downwards. The bird was not seen to strike the window at any time, nor were any marks seen on the pane. It usually visited the window a few times during the day, but particularly at about 07.30 hrs.

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