

NESTING IN MT. LOFTY RANGES OF WHITE-THROATED WARBLER — On February 19, 1972, while in the front garden of a home near Happy Valley Reservoir, I heard the song of the White-throated Warbler *Gerygone olivacea*. The bird was flying about the shrubs and hedge of the garden, often singing. The lady of the house was familiar with the bird and its call, but did not know the name of it. The bird's favourite area in the garden contained a cotoneaster shrub; and in November, 1971, she found a nest in this shrub about five feet from the ground, within a few feet of a window. She found that it contained one egg (dull white with fine dots of purplish-red) with a tiny crack in it. (Mr. B. Glover later photographed the nest, and confirmed that it was of this species.) She did not see more than one bird in her garden, and no

young were hatched in this nest. As she had seen and heard the warbler the previous summer (1970-1971), she searched for another nest. A nest was found, about five feet from the ground, and from its appearance about a year old, but still retaining its shape—which is distinctive of the species—of a hooded entrance near the top and a tailpiece. The bird we saw on February 19, 1972, left the area at the end of March.

Early in September, 1972, one White-throated Warbler returned to the garden, where it was seen to display and sing before a garage window as the Warbler of the preceding year had done. After 12 days, my friend decided to put a mirror in the garage window. This made the bird display frantically. Two days later it left the area.

This species has been recorded in Happy Valley Reservoir in November, 1966, and in three subsequent seasons, by B. Glover. It has been recorded in the Onkaparinga Gorge near Hackham (about four miles south) in November, 1969, and in two subsequent seasons by M. S. McNamara and his son, J. McNamara. Evidently, the species is migrating to this area yearly in small numbers. If bird observers learnt its distinctive call, more records might result. — M. J. ARTHUR.