

**BIRD NOTES**

**GALAHS BREEDING IN CRABHOLES IN THE FAR NORTH-EAST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.** In 1937–38, about halfway between Damperanie Sandhill and Crow's Nest Swamp (ca 65 km E of Goyder's Lagoon), I noticed three or four Galahs *Cacatua roseicapilla* fly out from crabholes in the ground. Probably there were others I didn't see. Finally, one emerged from a crabhole quite close to me and on inspection I found there was a nest with nestlings deep in the crabhole. Presumably the other birds I had seen were flushed from nests. There were no trees in the immediate vicinity, and even those at Crow's Nest Swamp, 16–20 km distant, were rather miserable for nesting.

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Editor's note: This is apparently the first report of Galahs nesting in the ground. The species normally nests in a hole in a tree but has been recorded nesting in holes in cliffs and rockfaces (see Forshaw, J. 1981, *Australian Parrots* and Beruldsen, G. 1980, *A Field Guide to the Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds*).