

Current Observations.

Fantailed Cuckoo Breeding near Adelaide.

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The fantailed cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) of Gould and (*Cuculus rubricatus*) of Mathews is a well-known visitor to the Adelaide plains and the surrounding hills during the winter months, but generally departs as the warmer weather of spring

approaches, and some doubt existed amongst ornithologists as to whether it bred here or not. but all doubts have been dispelled this season when I was successful in finding the egg of this bird in the nest of *Acanthiza pusilla*, it being discovered at Mount Lofty, S.A., on the 10th October, 1913, there being three eggs of the tit. which was sitting on the nest; this was built in a prickly furze bush, about 3 feet from the ground, being domed, and roughly constructed of grass and shreaded bark from the stringy bark, gums, roughly woven, and little pieces of moss stuck outside, lined with a few small feathers, and a little animal's fur, being partly suspended. Measuring outside 4 inches wide, by 7 inches deep, and inside 2 inches wide, by 2½ inches deep, the entrance was somewhat large for the size of the little bird, being 1½ inches in diameter, and may have been enlarged by the cuckoo in depositing the egg.