

Note on the Superb Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*).

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On 3rd December, 1928, while out-nesting, I found a nest of *Malurus cyaneus* containing three fresh eggs. Upon examining the nest I found buried beneath rabbit's fur three more eggs, comprising two eggs of the *Malurus cyaneus* and one of *Chalcites basalis* (Horsfield Bronze-Cuckoo). I have often before known the *Malurus* to bury the Cuckoo's egg, but have not found it to include its own eggs in the covering-over process. On making inquiries I learned that none of our other oologist members had previously seen such an occurrence. The Cuckoo in this case had evidently laid after the Wren, as the original lining had apparently been pulled out and replaced over the eggs, which were resting on the grass forming the outer structure of the nest. About an inch of fur separated the two sets of eggs.

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