

*CLELAND—Birds of Central Australia.**Tyto alba*, Barn-Owl.

(Plates X. and XI.).

By favour of Dr. L. Keith Ward, the Government Geologist in this State, we are permitted to reproduce the photographs taken by him of the young of the above species. The Owls came from a shaft in the opal-field of Coober Pedy close to the position of the present masonry tank in August, 1921. The shaft was about 18 feet deep, and the young were brought to the surface for portraiture before being returned to their home. The biggest one was photographed separately. Coober Pedy is situated, in a direct line, 490 miles north-west of Adelaide, and 145 miles north-north-west of Kingoonya on the Transcontinental railway line. All the dwelling places of the residents are underground.

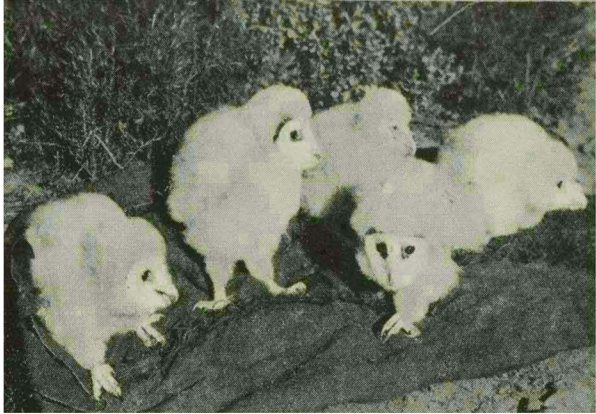


Plate X.



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Plate XI.