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The Nidification of Birds of the Indian Empire. By E. Stuart Baker, C.I.E., O.B.E., F.Z.S., etc. Volume III. *Ploceidae-Asionidae*. 568 pages, with eight plates. London, Taylor and Francis, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C. 4. 23rd April, 1934.

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The Families dealt with are twenty-six in number—*Ploceidae**, Weaver-Birds; *Fringillidae*, Finches; *Hirundinidae**, Swallows and Martins; *Motacillidae**, Wagtails and Pipits; *Alaudidae**, Larks; *Zosteropidae**, White-Eyes; *Chalcopariidae*, Ruby-Cheeks; *Nectariniidae**, Sunbirds; *Dicaeidae**, Flower-Peckers; *Pittidae**, Pittas; *Eurylaimidae*, Broadbills; *Picidae*, Woodpeckers; *Capitonidae*, Barbets; *Cuculidae**, Cuckoos; *Psittacidae*, Parrots and Paroquets; *Coraciidae**, Rollers; *Meropidae**, Bee-eaters; *Alcedinidae**, Kingfishers;

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Bucerotidae, Hornbills; *Upupidae*, Hoopoes; *Trogonidae*, Trogons; *Micropidae**, Swifts; *Caprimulgidae**, Nightjars; *Podargidae**, Frogmouths; *Tytonidae**, Barn-Owls; *Asionidae**, Eared and Wood-Owls.

This Volume is of especial interest to Australian ornithologists and oologists, as seventeen (marked with asterisks) of the above-mentioned Families are represented in the Commonwealth. The nidification of 545 species and subspecies are described, and the particulars given are the fullest available, and usually comprise the range of each species, the style, material, and measurements of the nest, the breeding season, the number of eggs forming a clutch, with their average size and maxima and minima measurements.

The author is to be congratulated upon the information supplied in this further addition to his monumental work, which, when completed, will doubtless be the reference standard upon the nesting of the birds of the Indian Empire.
