

*Bird Notes.***Bird Notes.**

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25th June, 1935.—The three tame Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*) in the photograph, (Plate V) have the run of my garden. A neighbour when reaping last December found 13 eggs in a nest in the wheat crop. He put them under a hen and all came out. I was given three, and the remainder, I was told to my sorrow, went into the pot. There are two drakes and one duck. The drakes had the tips of the wings cut, but I will let them grow, because having such a good home I do not think they will desert it. They will eat grain at my feet, but hide when strangers come on the scene. Though I have a nice pond they prefer a tub wherein I wash garden tools and which generally has some mud in it. They must devour many slugs and do not damage seedlings or vegetables.

17th July, 1935.—I am writing now to report the arrival here on the 11th instant of two Emus (*Dromaius novae-hollandiae*). When I first saw them they were only about 500 yards from my homestead, walking up and down a fence. I turned them into a paddock, where there was an oat crop, and they appeared to be contented. If they behave they may stop there, but if they damage the fences I shall have to pass them on to somebody else.



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Plate V—Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*).