

By Harold Wade, Netherby. 22/3/1937.

On 10th March, 1937, I noted a flock of eight White-browed Babblers (*Pomatostomus superciliosus*) among some olive bushes in a paddock off Montrose Avenue. They were, as usual, in a state of noisy activity, running about and flying from bush to bush. Ten days later they were still in the same locality. On the 8th March I noted a fine specimen of the Regent Honey-eater (*Zanthomiza phrygia*) in the late Dr. R. H. Pulleine's property at Netherby. The species is rare in this locality. A small flock of Eastern Rosellas (*Platycercus eximius*) have taken up their abode in Springfield, near Mr. Napier Birks's house. I have noticed them at intervals for the past two seasons. They are probably the progeny of birds escaped from captivity. White-fronted Chats (*Epthianura albifrons*).—About 30th December, 1936, Mr. H. Halstead, of Hill Street, Mitcham, noticed a nest containing three young in his hedge. He obtained a cage and put the young in it, and the parent birds promptly set about feeding them. On being told that they were White-fronted Chats and unlikely to thrive in captivity, he waited until they were able to fly and then released them; since then the parents and young made his garden their home. By 16th March the old birds had another brood ready to fly. Only one chick was noted on this occasion, but there may have been more. On 21st March it was found that the old birds had constructed a new nest and there was one egg in it.