

A Brown Snake (*Demansia textilis*) in an Aviary.

Early in December, 1936, Mr. F. C. Couzens, of the lodge at "Urrbrae," Mitcham, found a brown snake about three feet long in the aviary. The wire mesh was half-inch and the snake could only get a foot of its body out when it was stopped by a bulge. On being killed and opened its stomach contained five fully fledged chicks of a Chestnut-cared Finch (*Taeniopygia castanotis*) and two small lizards, each about two inches long. All the catch had been swallowed head first. The peculiar actions of his cat drew Mr. Couzens's attention to the snake.

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