

## SEED PELLETS OF CROWS AS FOOD FOR NATIVES

In the Musgrave Ranges in the Far North-West of South Australia, the natives gather seeds of the desert currajong (*Brachychiton Gregorii*) at rock-holes where they have been discharged by Crows. This is referred to by Prof. J. B. Cleland in an account of the ecology of the Australian aboriginal (Pap. Proc. Roy. Soc. Tasmania, 1939, p. 6).

Examination of specimens by the writer has revealed that the seeds are ejected as pellets and not in the faeces. The seeds are ground between stones by the natives to form a meal. As remarked by Dr. Cleland, "one is reminded strikingly of Elijah being fed by the ravens."  
—H. T. Condon.