

BIRD NOTES

Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) building in January.—The summer of 1945-6 was an unusual one up to the end of January, being relatively cool but with several days over 100 deg. in the shade. Heavy rain fell on January 16, 17 and 18, with 9½ inches at Victor Harbour. A cock sparrow was seen collecting straw at Encounter Bay on the morning of January 20, and another (sex not noted) next morning at Beaumont was seen doing the same. It would have been interesting to have ascertained the size of the gonads.—J. B. Cleland.