

Description of the Eggs of *Eyramytis Goyderi* Gld previously undescribed.

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Eyramytis goyderi Gld., Syn. *Amytornis goyderi*.

The Lake Eyre grass wren.

The nest, containing two eggs, with the parent birds was obtained at Douglas Creek, near William Creek, Central Australia, in January, 1913, by my friend, Mr. J. R. B. Love, to whom I am indebted for this opportunity of describing this hitherto undescribed egg.

Mr. Love was able to secure the parent birds. One is in my collection, and the other in the Adelaide Museum. The egg is in the collection of Mr. Love. Nest was placed in a blue-bush close to the ground, domed, side entrance, and was formed of blue-bush twigs and grasses. There were two eggs, one broken, the other being the specimen now described. The egg is thick oval in form, shell, close grained, smooth and slightly lustrous, pinkish cream ground colour, thickly sprinkled with small irregular-shaped spots and blotches of orange brown, interspersed with blotches of a pale purplish brown, which become confluent at the larger end, forming a well-defined zone or cap. Length 21 mm. x 15 mm.

In comparing this egg with an egg of *Cinclorhamphus cruralis cantatornis* Gld. I find the ground colour in *A. Goyderi*

is a much richer and deeper cream than in *C. cruralis*. The bright orange-brown blotches correspond very closely in shade in both eggs, though much more thickly distributed in the *Eyramytis* under review.

Note.—Mr. Love informs me that the parent bird crouched in the blue-bush, allowing him to approach and almost close the hand over it, when it flitted to the next bush. This species was seen at intervals from Douglas Creek to Barrow Creek.
