TUBERCULOSIS IN HAWK

An adult of the red phase of the Brown Hawk (Falso berigora) was collected by Mr. John Jordan near Mannum on March 24, 1951. Dr. J. A. R. Miles, of the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science, Adelaide, has informed me that the bird was infected heavily with tuberculosis. Except for its rather small size for a female (although by no means stunted), the bird seemed to be in good condition and was normal in plumage. The ovaries were very small and of abnormal appearance, however. Details of specimen:-Female: fresh plumage, moult almost completed. Cere: pale bluish grey; eyelids and ambient patch bluish white; bill slate grey, darker at the tip; gap yellowish; legs and feet pale yellowish white with greenish tinge; claws black; iris (?) reddish brown; wing 340 mm.; tail 200; tarsus 60; total length (in the flesh) 430.—H. T. Condon.