

BIRD NOTES

VIRUS INFECTION IN SILVEREYE

On March 30, 1963, a silvereeye was caught at Chain of Ponds, which had large nodules on both feet causing some deformity. The bird was destroyed and the nodules examined by Dr. M. C. Fowler, pathologist to the Adelaide Children's Hospital. Dr. Fowler reported that the lesions was papillomatosis with cytoplasmic inclusions. These are probably due to a virus and likely to be infectious, (one lesion in the bird examined was under the chin again suggesting that the agent is infective).

Dr. Fowler would like to examine any other birds showing similar or other unusual disorders. He would prefer to receive any birds alive, but if this is impossible the bird should be wrapped in paper and kept refrigerated until it can be delivered to Dr. Fowler at Cross Roads, Highgate or at the Children's Hospital.

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