

the young Galahs and while ascending the tree a Boobook Owl (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*) flew from the hollow. I was surprised to find one Owl's egg in the hollow and can only assume that the Owl ate the young Galahs and occupied the nesting hollow itself. On October 9 the Owl was caught and banded and the hollow was found to contain three Owl eggs.

Visits were made on October 22 and November 3—still three eggs. On November 5 one owlet was hatched, and on the 7th. a second was hatched. On November 15 the two owlets, the unhatched egg and the remains of a Mallee Ringneck were found in the nest during the afternoon, and at 8 p.m. the still warm, headless carcass of a male Stubble Quail was found in the nest. The owlets were still too small to band, but were finally banded on November 20, when they were still in down with pin-feathers on the wings. The addled egg was still present but was removed. The male Boobook Owl was present each visit, perched in nearby trees, but could not be caught.

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NEST PREDATION OF BOOBOOK OWL

On September 21, 1963, a Galah's nest containing three tiny nestlings was found in a large mallee tree about six miles south of Waikerie. I returned on October 5 to band