

NEST PREDATION BY BOOBOOK OWL

In Vol. 24, p. 51, of this journal, D. B. Mack noted the Boobook Owl (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*) occupying what was once the nest of a Galah (*Cacatua roseicapilla*). On November 14, 1958, I found a nest of the Boobook Owl, with two newly hatched young in a Galah's nest which still contained three Galah eggs. I checked this nest each week until the young owls left, which was on December 24. The three Galah eggs were still there. In this case the owls had taken over after occupation by the Galahs, which had nested in this tree for several years previously.

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