

MAMMAL DUNG IN BIRD'S NESTS. Some birds of different families are known to either line their nests with dung of mammals or place pellets or fragments of mammal dung in their nests. In Central Europe P. Bernhardt (1935. *Mitteilungen des Vereins Sächsischer Ornithologen* 4: 291-293) recorded the Black Kite *Milvus migrans* using horse dung as nest lining. Many years ago, on the Mount Mary Plains, South Australia, I saw a similar lining of horse dung in an occupied nest of a crow, possibly the Australian Raven *Corvus coronoides*, situated in a tall, lone tree.

J. B. Paton (1975. *S. Aust. Orn.* 26: 187) reported kangaroo dung pellets from a nest of the White-browed Babbler *Pomatostomus superciliosus*, and I have seen kangaroo and sheep dung pellets in nests of the Chestnut-crowned Babbler *P. ruficeps* on the Mount Mary Plains.

The purpose of mammal dung in nests is not clear. It could be a source of additional warmth.

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