

again of 15 species, including 38 retraps from the previous expedition. Additional species were White-Eared Honeyeater (2) and Satin Bower bird (1). The large numbers of Eastern Spinebills (a total of 117 birds between the two week-ends, with 8 retraps at the second visit) seems worthy of comment. On this occasion he had three helpers and used 15 nets.

TAWNY FROGMOUTH (Podargus strigoides).

A Tawny Frogmouth's nest, on a four inch limb fifty feet up in a red stringybark was under observation near Canberra for some time. On a reconnaissance climb the writer came within ten feet of the bird without disturbing it.

About a week later, the tree was again climbed - this time to band the young. For about five minutes the bander was within two feet of the sitting bird while the bands were being brought up by rope, and the only protest made by the bird was that it stared, fluffed out considerably and gave a good view of its lemon gape. It pecked at an outstretched hand for a few moments and was then caught without difficulty. The adult and one chick were banded. An adult was seen sitting on the nest, and another nearby, the following day.

An Eastern Rosella was previously banded in similar circumstances.

It is considered that handling adults in this manner will not normally cause desertion after the eggs have hatched, but notes from other banders would be of interest.

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LITTLE WATTLE-BIRD WANDERINGS.

Harry Battam's article on banding Little Wattle-birds (Anthochaera chrysoptera) prompts me to submit the following evidence of movement by this Species. (a) On 14th January, 1962 060-09530 was banded by me at Wood Street, Lane Cove; this bird was retrapped on 26th May, 1962, two miles away at North Ryde; (b) on 9th September, 1962, 060-09539 was banded by me at North Ryde; this bird was picked up dead 1.8 miles away at Lindfield, on 26th October, 1962. S.G.Lane, Lane Cove.