

BEHAVIOUR OF THE BLACK-FACED WOODSWALLOW *Artamus cinereus*

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A nest of the Black-faced Woodswallow *Artamus cinereus* was observed for 22.5 hours during incubation and 32.5 hours during the nestling stage, from a hide placed three metres away. The five attending woodswallows were individually colour-banded. Continuous recordings of vocalizations at the nest were made; sound spectrographs of significant vocalizations are presented. A restricted range of vocalizations was heard at the nest. These included a contact call (*qua*), nestling calls, greeting calls (*quas*), at high intensity including a rapid series of '*quas*' as a rattle segment. Alert, alarm and mobbing calls based on the '*qua*' syllable at increasing rates and intensities and shorter durations were also recorded. Other aspects of their behaviour such as locomotion, foraging, roosting, body care, courtship and reproduction are described.