PLAYBACK TAPES AS AN AID FOR MIST-NETTING REGENT HONEYEATERS

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Playback tapes are a useful tool in censusing birds but their use as an aid for trapping birds for banding is generally overlooked. In the Capertee Valley, New South Wales, Regent Honeyeaters reacted strongly to playback tapes during the breeding season and were readily caught in mist-nets with the use of tapes. This technique offered great advantages over previously used techniques that were both time and labour intensive.