

BREEDING SUCCESS OF THE AUSTRALIAN PELICAN *Pelecanus conspicillatus* ON LAKE EYRE SOUTH IN 1990

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A large colony of pelicans bred on three islands in Lake Eyre South during early 1990. A maximum of 90 000 chicks fledged from an estimated 104 000 eggs laid. The chicks which hatched late in the season experienced a greater mortality than the chicks which hatched early. Banding the young was a useful tool for determining nestling survivorship and appeared to have a minimal effect on the mortality of late-hatched young.