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INTERSPECIFIC AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR BETWEEN ROBINS AND OTHER BIRDS IN EUCALYPT FOREST

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Records were kept for 328 interactions between Scarlet/Flame Robins and other landbirds at a site in south-eastern New South Wales. Fifty-seven per cent of interactions were between robins and other ground-foragers, particularly with Jacky Winter (41%). Bark-foragers, foliage-foragers and honeyeaters were rarely, if ever, attacked, except when they came near nests of robins. Honeyeaters were responsible for 57 per cent of the attacks directed at robins.