CO-OPERATIVE CARE IN THE SINGING HONEYEATER Lichenostomus virescens

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A rehabilitated juvenile Singing Honeyeater *Lichenostomus virescens* was observed in a suburban garden, approximately 15 km from its place of hatching, for 11 days. The juvenile was visited by at least one adult Singing Honeyeater more than 20 times, and was fed on nine occasions. In addition, a distraction display involving three adult Singing Honeyeaters was observed. This is the first published indication of co-operative care in the Singing Honeyeater.