

NOTES ON THE CORROBOREE BEHAVIOUR OF THE NEW HOLLAND HONEYEATER

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The corroboree or congregation display occurs in a number of honeyeater species. This paper presents data on the display of New Holland Honeyeaters in New England National Park. Corroboree frequency is highest in the morning (0.85 displays/hr) and peaks in late summer and winter (up to 3.3 displays/hr) when breeding territories are being established. The displays involve an average of six birds with the majority of those identified being adult males occupying nearby territories. The relationship between corroboree activity and co-operative behaviour in honeyeaters is examined.