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TIMING AND SUCCESS OF BREEDING IN SUBTROPICAL MASKED LAPWINGS

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The breeding activities of Masked Lapwings *Vanellus miles* were studied over two breeding seasons in a subtropical location near Brisbane, Queensland. Breeding parameters including timing, hatching and fledging success are presented. Although most pairs commenced breeding in May-June, renesting following high rates of nest failure (probably due to predation) continued over several months. Clutch size was very similar (3.5 ± 0.7 and 3.6 ± 0.6) while fledging success was 1.4 ± 1.1 per pair and 0.3 ± 0.4 per pair for the two years respectively. Rates of renesting were high with 80% of pairs in 1989 laying replacement clutches and three of eight pairs laying three clutches.