

BREEDING OF BLACK SWANS ON TWO NEW ENGLAND LAGOONS

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The breeding of Black Swans *Cygnus atratus* on Llangothlin Lagoon Game Reserve and Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve both during and after the 1981-1983 drought is reported. Breeding success rates ranged up to 47% during the drought and 68% afterwards. A possible link between low breeding activity, hunting pressures, and the legal status of the lagoons is discussed.