

Observations on the Breeding of Figbirds and Common Koels

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Observations on Figbirds *Sphecotheres viridis* breeding in one locality during 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83, are presented. Observations include methods of nest building, incubation and rearing of young. Dates of laying, hatching and fledging were also noted. Parasitism by Common Koels *Eudynamys scolopacea* occurred in each year and was included in the study. Breeding success appears to have been affected by the unusually dry conditions of the last two summers.