

Thurs PM (6/4)

Made first adult at
Island 1 ~~off~~ flying of ^{nest} ~~rocks~~
to water edge, drinking
& going straight back
— at least 12 birds
Others were washing.

Measurement of legs of skink (adult)
taken this morning (6/4) by Wayne-L.
Eagle

	mm	
	Leg 1	Leg 2
Tibia width (D→P)	2.4	2.2
Tibia width (A→P)	5.1	5.1
"Knee" width (D→P)	7.5 7.9	7.5
"Knee" (A→P)	8.4	8.0

Note that these legs were very
dry and skin shrivelled tight onto
bone and sinews.

Th 6/4/95 - Contd

Transcription of 6/4 visit to 2nd
Breeding Island

3:13pm - leaving viewing island in
boat.

Here nest numbers 32-70. to put
in (they are whole legs with
numbers in nest number pen,
no other markings on them. Number
is on both sides

Nest	N ^o Eggs	Wormth/Cold
70	2	worm
69	2	4
68	2	definitely worm
67	2	worm
66	3	worm

Start Thurs
6/4/95

- Old camera has 28 mm lens and is ^(?) ready to take 36 K exposure
- New camera has 50 mm lens and has taken last (36 K) exposure

↑ info used to work out what photos were taken for which gardens yesterday.

~~6.50 am~~
6.50 am - Wedge + Eagle flew into colony -

approx 6.55 am - flew out to NE with dead adult

- proceeded to eat
- arrived

7.06 am - Heron flew twice at feeding with Eagle.

7.10 am - Eagle flew to position West of breeding colony (on front of island) - how - can just see his head -

Th 6/4/95 contd

Back to camp, chatter with Mark + Cam
original ^{12 hrs} monitor of CS nest for tomorrow (24 hr monitor nest trip)

0834 - watching Little Cross eat ^{while eyes} ^{whole brain to feathers}
hoo.
caveat of chick on island to west. - absolutely definite

0836 hr - see 3rd cross joined in feeding on disjunctive body.

0838 - 1 cross sitting (?) on Little island 250 m north of shore colony.

0843 - 1 pr Skuas flying by.

↑ note that couldn't see Wt Eagle at 0830 hrs - presumably it has left area.

Talked from house Street Thurs 4/4/85
Mark + Cam

They owe Grant \$40 each
but he owes them also.

Sat AM 7.55 am flight (Grant?)
will be looked for me by Grant.

2 - yellow leg birds
1 - slender sheld. birds
+ 1. keelie.

packages at Kefauver -

Grant or replacement will pick up.

Denting phone?

Grant will pass message to Jeremy
Hyatt (who says that do not start
program)

Grant to see physics ~~teacher~~ + with
advise me of his condition Wed 12 noon
at school (but will be on Harvey Hill)

4/4/85 contd

Tonight to dinner will be left
at Perth airport for me and
keys given to me by Grant or
his replacement.

Left briefly today at 1.18 pm and
described a new colony (head) at
1.33 pm - 15 min trip
~~to~~ playing.

island just E of.

1337 hrs - almost half the birds
left off in a stampede!

"Havens"! 2 flew in from NW

Tue 4/4/95 Contd

direction - flies to low
(40 ft) over colony +
most birds gain look off -
the Ravens to dropped for
a closer look
then continued to c 10 ft

flying in SE direction - apparently
little interest in eggs!

Ravens heard calling at 1.45 pm
from distant shore island (to S)
- "nack nack nack" call

The nesting island is small but fairly
high. Highest area is probably
1.5 - 1.8 m above current water level.

From this viewing position (colony
is 255° from where I am sitting)
it has a ~~steep~~ slope (15°)

Tue 4/4/95 Contd

with a NNE aspect. SE

End of island is steep bluff
covering with large quantities
(m²) of soil having dropped recently.

Turks resting right to edge of
bluff - preening.

Vegetation is low shrubby stuff -
appears to be different species
(certainly different from the one)
than other ^{islands} island. On the

NW side the slope runs
down to water edge - there is
a beach and birds walk down
here to bathe + preen.

Many eggs scattered (not in
nests) on slope (NNE) + near beach.

Many birds sitting about than the
sitting birds - a general average

3/4/85

1146 hrs Temp = ~~25.6~~ 24.6 °C

1159 hrs - *Amelanus luteus*? flies
overhead (over river) at
approx 30 M!

1355 hrs Temp = 26.3 °C

Strong NW wind - Overcast

1419 - Marked nests 1 & 2 still
without sitting birds. The other
3 (unmarked) are sitting. One
eg possibly missing from Nest 2
(now 2 eggs?; formerly 3)

3/4/85 cont.

Made up a total (already had 5)
of 31 nest markers. Numbered
1-31 in Red permanent marker on
both sides.

1503 - Best Yellow left leg (above "knee")
is back ^{Nest 2} on eggs! Also the other
3, but Nest 1 still no bird.

This bird is relaxed feeding (both sitting)
with bird nest door. It has

long back feathers (plumes) and
a near perfect clearest breast band
and black subventral stripe

Now drying with bill tucked back under
right wing and eyes closed for about
periods.

1512 Feeding due west (away from me)

1/4/95 contd

at approx 1.30 (± 20 min)
Many "Eumbla" ^{new} "crows" flew to
west of colony, colony lifted in
a ~~series~~ wave from N end to S
end - as it lifted the Robins
took off from other side &
harass the raven - they
drove raven off (followed it
for several hundred meters) (one
dropped out early, the other 2 kept
harassing it). The Raven didn't
get below approx 20'. (It
came in, did a circle, then
the Red eyes came in and it
flew off). Approx 80%
of the colony went up. They
went up and straight back down,
no flying about. They lifted
20-30'.

1/4/95 contd

The "crows" flew in from direction
of Lago on lake shoreline. It
flew straight to colony, then
circled around to W side end in
 $\frac{2}{3}$ up from S end of island - it
had a minimum height of approx 20'.
It didn't get near to ground. The
mass lifting of the Skitts may have
put it off but plovers also had a
go at it. They "were bombing it"
and appeared to hit it. None
of the Skitts attempted to chase or
harass the "crows".

~~Best~~ Best heard calling around campsite island
continuously after dark till at least 9.50 p.m.

Do table of bird numbers on E beach
section at hourly intervals on 1/4/95

Fri 31/3/95 Contd.

1550 areas without scum + reached
east end of little intermediate island
Sat down again to observe.

Moved forward + sat again at 1556 hr.

Observed eggs on this island have
been present since 15/3.



hole

typical predation signs

4.35 we moved in to plots

9.40

4.44 we got back to edge of stand

4.46 all birds back on nests

Fri 31/3/95
Contd.

stent spore 1710 hr.

Finished at 1721 hr

ADDED EGGS + JUNK TO VOP