

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF "NESTS AND
EGGS OF BIRDS FOUND BREEDING IN AUSTRALIA
AND TASMANIA."

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Ninox connivens, Latham. Winking Owl.

Gould, *Handbk. Bds. Austr.*, Vol. i., sp. 34, p. 71.

Although the present species is widely distributed over the Australian continent, but little knowledge has been gained of its nidification and eggs, and it is due to the exertions of Mr. George Barnard and his sons, of Duaringa, Queensland, that I am enabled to give a description of this rare egg, taken at Coomoooolaroo, during September 1886. The nesting place was in a *Eucalyptus* the entrance of which was through the end of a small hollow spout opening into the main trunk of the tree; here Mr. Barnard's sons made an aperture with an axe, and the eggs two in number, were found deposited on the decaying wood near the bottom of the tree. Last year three more eggs of the same species were taken from this tree, in both instances being perfectly fresh. The egg of *Ninox connivens* is rounded in form, and pure white, the texture of the shell being very fine and the surface slightly glossy. Long diameter 1.84 inch, short diameter 1.61 inch.

Mr. W. B. Barnard informs me that he found a nest of this species, about eighteen inches down the hollow limb of a large *Eucalyptus*, containing three young ones, from which it may be inferred that like *N. boobook*, three eggs is the usual number laid by this bird for a sitting.

Hab. Australia, with the exception of North-west.

Ailuredus viridis, Latham. The Cat-bird.

Gould, *Handbk. Bds. Austr.*, Vol. i., sp. 277, p. 446.

The habitat of the Cat-bird is the dense scrubs of the coastal ranges of New South Wales. It is particularly plentiful at Cambewarra and the Kangaroo Valley, in the Illawarra District, and is found in favourable localities all through the southern portions of the coast ranges, becoming scarcer however as the boundary of the colony is approached. The rich brushes in the neighbourhood of the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers are also strongholds of this species, and it is also found, but not so freely dispersed in the extreme south of Queensland. Although a common and well known bird for many years, being described