

DESCRIPTION OF THE FEMALE, WITH NEST AND EGGS
OF THE CINNAMON-CHESTED GROUND THRUSH.

(*Cinclosoma marginatum*, SHARPE).

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(Plate xcii.)

In July, 1908, the Trustees of the Australian Museum received the skin of an adult female of *Cinclosoma marginatum*, Sharpe, from Mr. Chas. G. Gibson, Assistant Government Geologist of Western Australia. It was procured the previous month at Wiluna, Western Australia, where Mr. Gibson was also successful in finding the nest and eggs of this species, which he photographed, and will be found reproduced on the accompanying plate.

Cinclosoma marginatum was described by Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe from a single adult male skin, obtained by the late Mr. J. R. Elsey in North-western Australia. Owing to Mr. Gibson's absence during nearly the whole of the latter half of 1908 with the party engaged on the survey of the proposed Trans-Continental Railway-line between Western Australia and South Australia, the eggs on loan for description, and the information relative to the taking of them, have only been recently received.

CINCLOSOMA MARGINATUM, *Sharpe*.

Adult female.—General colour above rich cinnamon brown, the scapulars and upper tail-coverts slightly darker and having narrow indistinct blackish shaft-streaks; the inner series of the upper wing-coverts like the back, the outer series black largely tipped with white, some of the outer greater coverts strongly washed with rich cinnamon-brown; quills dark brown, the middle of the outer webs of the primaries edged with white, tinged with cinnamon-brown; the secondaries broadly margined with rich cinnamon-brown; central pair of tail-feathers rich cinnamon-brown, the apical portion brownish near the shaft, the remainder black largely tipped with white; forehead, crown of the head, nape and sides of the neck brown, with a faint cinnamon wash; lores blackish; ear-coverts dark brown; stripe over the eye