

## Correspondence

### FALCONS NESTING IN BUILDINGS

To the Editor,

Sir,—Mr. I. J. Ferguson-Lees, Executive Editor of *British Birds*, is desirous of knowing whether there are any Australian records of the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) nesting in buildings, as is sometimes the case in various other countries, notably America. Being unaware of any such occurrences here, I examined notes on the species contained in the *Emu*, and found that, of 20 records, 12 related to cliffs, 4 to hollow spouts of trees, and 4 to stick nests that were probably old ones of Ravens or Magpies. In addition, A. J. Campbell states that the species has occasionally been known to nest in tufts of grass on the ground.

When so informed, Mr. Ferguson-Lees expressed interest in the figures but thought an extension of the inquiry might be worth while—he suggested that readers of the *Emu* be approached on the subject. Accordingly, may I ask if any member of the R.A.O.U. has ever known a Peregrine Falcon to nest in a building in Australia, and if so will he write on the point to Mr. Ferguson-Lees at Fordlands, Crowhurst, Sussex, England.

Incidentally, Mr. Bruce Kirkwood of Chiltern (north-eastern Victoria) told me recently that a Peregrine Falcon's nest-site in a tall cliff near his town has been occupied, to his personal knowledge, every year for 33 years, possibly by the same pair of birds throughout.

Yours etc.,

A. H. CHISHOLM

Sydney,  
Nov. 30, 1955.

## News and Notes

### LIBRARY NIGHT

The library night has been changed to the fourth Thursday in the month. A member of Council will be in attendance, from 8 p.m., at the R.A.O.U. room, to make books available for members.

### THE EMU REQUIRED

Wanted, *Emu*, vols. 1, 2, 3, 24, 45, 46, 49. Apply Hon. Librarian, 386 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

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