

the end of April until the beginning of June. Only eight clutches of young were raised in the area.

(4) For the greater part of the year, in the period before the crops became ripe, the staple food was wheat and to a lesser degree other grains. Grain was to a large extent responsible for the birds' extreme mobility whilst feeding.

(5) As crops ripened feeding was restricted to those areas in which the crop retained a certain amount of immature grain.

(6) Movements of the resident population were governed by the availability of food and the direction of any disturbance. Water did not appear to play an important part in the birds' distribution on this property, during the period under review.

(7) Population on the property from January onwards varied little until November, when there was an influx of birds coinciding with the ripening of the crops.

(8) Damage to pasture, crop and fencing did not appear great, even though the population varied throughout the year (see monthly averages).

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**Boobook Owl's Prey.**—About midday on Saturday, July 11, 1959, my son and I watched a Boobook Owl (*Ninox novæ-see-landiæ*) in the reserve adjoining my property at Croydon, Victoria, carrying a dead Indian Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*) in its claws. It flew ahead of us from tree to tree, still carrying the Myna, and was eventually lost to sight. It did not appear to have any difficulty in holding, or alighting with, so large a bird.—S. A. LAWRENCE, Croydon, Vic. 2/8/59.