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A Note on the Powerful Owl.—On November 30, 1959, during a visit to a dense tall tea-tree area (infested with leeches) situate at Naringal, some 15 miles from Warrnambool, Vic., with the Rev. Shrader, of Allansford, I was very fortunate in observing three Powerful Owls (*Ninox strenua*). We noted the darker brown of the male bird and the lighter grey-brown of the female, and on closer inspection identified the third bird to be a well-grown young almost the size of the female. Judging from its size we estimated it was hatched in early September, 1959.

We have made several visits since the above date, and all three birds seem quiet—so 'trusting', in fact, that on December 8 we were able to observe the young bird with the hindquarters of a large ringtail possum in its claws, and to move to within 12 feet with a camera and take several photographs. All three birds sat close together, but the male bird, being more retiring, seemed to resent our approach and left. When at last they flew the young bird carried its prey with it to a nearby tree.—R. JOHN EDGE, Allansford, Vic., 12/12/59.