

In conclusion, it is worth noting that an attempt was made during last century to introduce chukar into Australia. In 1864 twenty-three were liberated in Victoria, followed by thirteen more in 1865 and eight in 1872. The birds soon disappeared (Ryan 1906) and no attempts have been made since.

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GLOSSY IBIS IN NEW ZEALAND.—A glossy ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) was seen near Woodville from April 26 to April 30, 1951. Mr. A. Beatty, who described the bird to me, states that it was quietly feeding in his pig paddock. His description was that the head and neck were black, the body brownish, and the wings blackish with a green gloss. With long legs (c. 14in.) of a green-black colour, the bill was long (c. 5in.), heavily down-curved and of a horn colour. This description agrees closely with that given by Serventy and Whittell in "A Handbook of the Birds of Western Australia," 1948. It is the seventh recorded occurrence of the species in New Zealand.—J. F. Robinson, Woodville.

NEST RECORDS SCHEME.—The number of cards issued in the 1950-51 season was 163, and those returned totalled 67, representing twenty species, as follows:—Blackbird 6, chaffinch 2, banded dotterel 7, grey duck 1, mallard 1, fantail 2, harrier 3, pipit 1, pukeko 1, redpoll 1, robin 4, silver-eye 3, sparrow 1, pied stilt 4, grey teal 5, song thrush 15, pied tit 3, grey warbler 3, whitehead 4. The following observers have returned cards: J. C. Davenport, D. E. Crockett, E. W. Hursthouse, Miss E. C. MacDonald, H. R. McKenzie, C. H. Parkin, R. H. D. Stidolph, L. H. Munro, J. M. Cunningham, G. F. Dobbs, W. H. Davidson, H. Taylor, Mrs. I. Tily, D. E. Prickett.—J. King, Masterton.