

BLACKBIRDS EATING CARROTS.—On February 22, 1947, black-birds (*Turdus merula*) left the green apples on the trees in favour of carrots, rejects left lying on the ground and partly chopped by the rotary hoe. Blackbirds evidently know a good food and promptly got to work picking the insides out of these coreless carrots which are sweeter than ordinary ones. Only the shells were left. The blackbird is very numerous in the district.—Mrs. C. W. McLatchie, Hilderthorpe, N. Otago.

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