

Predation of an adult Russet-tailed Thrush on its nest by a Carpet Python and a review of snake predation of adult birds

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The literature on predation of birds' eggs and nestlings is voluminous, but there are few published records of predation of adult birds in Australia by animals other than raptors and non-indigenous, carnivorous mammals. Here we report observations of an adult Russet-tailed Thrush *Zoothera heinei* being consumed on its nest by a Carpet Python *Morelia spilota* while its presumed mate watched, and review the literature on predation of adult birds by snakes.