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**A DUSKY MOORHEN NESTING
IN SOUTH SULAWESI**

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On the afternoon of 6 January 1990, I photographed the nest of a Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa* at Danau Tempe, South Sulawesi. The only breeding record of this species from Sulawesi to date is North Central Sulawesi (White & Bruce 1986: p. 161.). (Photographs supplied, *Ed.*).

The nest was located in unsubmerged reed beds about 8 to 10 meters from the water's edge in the central part of the lake. The nest consisted of a rather loosely constructed platform of reeds, with flattened reeds and leaves in the centre. It contained two nestlings and two-broken shells. The nestlings were all blackish with bare pink skin on the crown, a whitish bill with pink base, and red feet. The egg shells were more or less oval, of a creamy ground colour, marked unevenly with large and small chestnut brown spots, and with a moderate gloss. Measurements were not taken, in order not to cause disturbance. The adult bird was swimming nearby, and was identified by the lack of white flank markings.

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White, C.M.N. & M.D. Bruce, 1986. *The birds of Wallacea (Sulawesi, The Moluccas & Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia)*. Brit. Orn. Union Checklist No. 7, London.

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