

[16 July 1922]
From MAJOR L. DARWIN, Cripp's Corner, Forest Row, Sussex.

Many thanks for your letter, which
needs a little digestion!

In 1913 I was told that the cuckoo was said
by one authority, a specialist on the subject,
to lay 20 eggs, but my informant ^{thinks} that
it ^{was} an exaggeration. Non-parasitic cuckoos
lay 4 or less eggs, & the night-jar 2.
There has been a recent book about
Cuckoos, which I have not seen

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My memory is that the new authority
said 10 eggs, from a review.