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In May 1969 at Lady Musgrave I., Dr. A. B. Cribb collected two ticks, one attached to and one crawling on himself, and on return to Brisbane found a third, which had induced a slight redness, swelling and soreness at its site of attachment. He thought it likely that they had come from Noddies (*Anous minutus* Boie) which were numerous on the island. The first two specimens were identified by Dr F. H. S. Roberts as nymphs of *Amblyomma loculosum* Neumann, a parasite of Noddies. It is known from an island in mid Indian Ocean and from the Coral Sea area (where both adults and nymphs have been taken attacking man). Hitherto the southernmost Queensland record was Lindeman I., but this tick can be expected to occur in other localities where noddies are plentiful.

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