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The Chinese version of National Library of Australia (NLA) Publishing’s *Have you seen my egg*, by Penny Olsen and illustrated by Rhonda N. Garward, won a China’s National Popular Science Books of Excellence 2017 award. *Have you seen my egg?* is one of seven children’s books that the Library licensed to the National Library of China (NLC) Publishing House in 2017. The seven Chinese translations were published as the ‘National Library Picture Book Garden’ series which kicks off the first cooperation between the two national library publishing houses. The NLC publishing house sent this set of books to the Asian Collections as a gift for the help they received at both the communication and translation stages of the publication.