

23rd, June, 1970.

AA Burbidge?

Went ashore on Angel Island 0745.

No sign of grazing, vegetation very lush, lot of grasses, lot of flowers in bloom, spent most of time photographing rock paintings.

Good rock paintings of animal like Tasmanian tiger, or Banded Hare-Wallaby, also kangaroos, humanoid, lizard, geckoes and emu.

Birds Seen: Willy Wagtail, Pied Butcher Bird, Barred Dove, Quail, Brown Honeyeater, Singing Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, ..?... Barn Owl, Painted Finch, Galah.

No reptiles seen. Grasshoppers very common.

Vegetation included Kurrajong, Fig.

Proceeded to West Lewis Island, anchored about 12.30 p.m.

Went into shore by a small creek, Southern side of bay on N.W. corner of island.

Collected plants.

Birds Seen: Masked Wood-Swallow, Willy Wagtail, Pied Butcher Bird, Brown Honeyeater, Singing Honeyeater, Bar-shouldered Dove, Whistling Eagle, Kestrel, Pipit, Red-capped Dotterel (breeding), Turnstone, Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike, Diamond Dove, Peaceful Dove, Pelican, Sooty Oyster-catcher, Caspian Tern, Silver Gull, Reef Heron.

24th June, 1970.

Inspected trap line, West Lewis Island. Had to row ashore, outboard out of action, one Rattus. Add to bird list; Crow.

West Lewis Island. A.M. Walked up the creek to the hills looking for native paintings, found a few small scattered paintings, mostly human shape. Collected plants, reptiles.

Add to Bird List. Black-shouldered Kite, Swamp Harrier, Painted Finch.

24th June, 1970.

After lunch we proceeded to Enderby Island, landed on a bay at the North East corner of the island, set 60 Elliotts, 20 break-back traps. Wallaby tracks everywhere, saw White-Breasted Sea Eagle carrying a young rock wallaby. Saw one rock wallaby in the distance.

Returned to West Lewis Island and rebaited traps there.

25th June, 1970.

Outboard overboard. Rowed ashore to West Lewis Island. Checked Elliotts, one *Ratus tunneyi*, then to Enderby Island, checked trapline. No mammals, two lizards. Saw numerous rock wallabies, difficult to say whether rothschildi or lateralis. Pronounced black stripe behind the shoulder in some animals, in others almost absent.

Bird List. Pied Oyster-Catcher, Sooty Oyster-Catcher, Singing Honeyeater, Pied Butcher Bird, White-breasted Sea Eagle, Osprey, Whistling Eagle, Turnstone.

Collected plants, much less variety here than on West Lewis Island. Proceeded to West Lewis Island to rebait traps. Then back to Enderby and into shore after dark. Saw about 10 wallabies in all. Eventually one captured by Ron and Ernie. Photographs taken, appears to be lateralis. (later identified by W.D.L. Ride as rothschildi)

26th June, 1970.

Went ashore Enderby Island. Checked trapline, nothing in traps.

Add to bird list. Little Crow, Pied Oyster-Catcher, Pipit, Caspian Tern.

Went ashore West Lewis Island. Picked up trapline. One Rattus tunneyi, one skink. Back to Enderby Island, landed on southern coast of island for about 3 hours, collected plants, reptiles. Had a look at the strip of mangroves which runs right across the centre of the island. A lot of birds in the mangroves. Greater variety of plants in this area.

Bird List. Golden Whistler, Grey Fantail, Shrike-Thrush, Yellow Silvereye, Bar-shouldered Dove, Thornbill (probably chestnut-tailed) Dusky Warbler, Brown Honeyeater, Nightjar (spotted), Willy Wagtail, Kestrel, White-breasted Sea Eagle, Osprey, Mangrove Kingfisher, White-breasted Whistler, Plumed Tree Duck.

On headland we found a number of aboriginal etchings, human figures snakes, wallabies tracks, arrow shaped objects, possibly fish spears. Saw a number of wallabies, very bright lilac patches on the shoulder blades which indicates rothschildi. Reboarded boat back to original area, rebaited trapline.

27th June, 1970.

Went ashore. Picked up traps. One skink.

Went around to the south-east coast of Enderby Island. Went ashore and had a look at an old wrecked sea plane probably a catalina. U.S. markings on it, then proceeded to Dampier.

Got to Rosmary Island too late to set the traps, but went ashore with lights. Saw two rock wallabies. Collected a skink.

28th June, 1970.

Sunday. Took the morning off. In the afternoon, went ashore. Put in 80 Elliotts, 20 bread-backs. Collected lizards. Vegetation very lush, fantastic variety compared with the other islands. Big game fishing camp at one end of the bay. They have all land rover ashore, a house, radio masts. Found a rubbish head, just been dumped behind some bush, and had been burnt or tried to be burnt. While setting traps, found evidence of burning in spinnifex country, about 3 years ago.

Bird List. Pied Oyster-Catcher, Sooty Oyster-Catcher, Singing Honeyeater White-Breasted Sea Eagle, Osprey, Pied Butcher Bird.

In evening went ashore to collect reptiles, Good hunting, 1 legless lizard, 1 childrens python, Gehyra variegata, Diplodactylus, an Egernia and another skink.

Add to bird list. Stone-Curlew. Saw two rock wallabies.

29th June, 1970.

Rosmary Island. Picked up traps. 3 mus musculus (later identified as Pseudomys hermansbergensis) skinks. After breakfast, went ashore

for the day, borrowed the landrover belonging to the North West Game Fishing club. Drove out to the North end of the island.

Saw an osprey's nest with three eggs in.

Add to bird list. Welcome Swallow, Plumed Tree Duck, Bar-shouldered Dove, another dove either peaceful or diamond.

Collected plants, reptiles.

After lunch drove up to the lighthouse, and back to the fishing camp. The "Dampier" came back from Dampier too late in the evening for us to rebait the traps.

30th June, 1970.

Picked up traps, two *Mus musculus*, (*P. hermansbergensis*), one rat, possibly *Rattus rattus*, (later identified as *Zyzyomys argurus*) plus 6 or 8 skinks. Up anchor and headed for the Monte Bellos.

Add to bird list. for Rosmary Island. Black-shouldered Kite, Red-backed Sea Eagle, NOTE. There was a Tamarisk tree planted at the game fishing camp.

MONTE BELLOS ISLANDS.

Anchored off main beach at Trimouille Island. Went ashore for a couple of hours in the afternoon before dark. Collected lizards. Numerous rat tracks, fantastic quantities of rat droppings especially in rocky areas. Saw one cat.

Bird List. Red-capped Dotterel, Pied Oyster-Catcher, Sooty Oyster-Catcher, Welcome Swallow, Osprey, White-breasted Sea Eagle, Turtle tracks on beach. Vegetation very low; a lot of grasses. Few shrubs, and those that are present have a wind blown appearance and don't get above 2 or 3 feet in height, at the very most. No spinnifex seen. Varanus gouldi quite common.

1st July, 1970.

Went ashore at Trimouille Island. Nothing in traps. Collected plants, reptiles. Walked to either end of the island, almost. Wherever there are rock heaps or cliffs, they are absolutely

loaded with rats. Collected two bats from an old pill box. Much fewer animals at the Northern end of the island which is mainly white blown sand, with very little sparse vegetation. Then we proceeded to Hermite Island, went ashore and set 60 Elliott traps. Vegetation much more like Barrow Island; spinnifex is the dominant vegetation. No reptiles seen.

Bird list. Pelican, Fairy Tern, Crested Tern, Caspian Tern, Turnstone, Sooty Oyster-Catcher, ? Crested Pigeon, Welcome Swallow, White-Breasted Sea Eagle, Osprey.

2nd July, 1970.

Went ashore, looked at traps. One lizard. Collected reptiles. Walked right down to southern end of island to old hut. One Agamid, one legless lizard, two geckoes, and at least four species of skink, one ~~Urocyon~~. Varanus

Add to bird list. Pied Oyster-Catcher, Reef Heron, Pipit, Pied Cormorant.

Cat tracks and droppings fairly common. Some signs of rats and another set of tracks, unidentified. Look like possibly a native cat (later thought to be Hydromys) Owl pellets in the old hut. Signs of a recent camp in the hut at the southern end of the island, about 5 acres of spinifex have been burnt. In the evening went ashore with spotlights. Saw no sign of mammals, but collected geckoes and a legless lizard.

3rd July, 1970.

Went ashore and picked up traps. No mammals, only lizards. Then proceeded to Rosmary Island. Anchored there overnight.

4th July, 1970.

Proceeded to Dampier to catch plane to Perth.