

2nd June 1962. (Saturday)

Drove in to Roebuck with Silen and  
girls at 0610 hrs. and 200.

Bills promised to look after the  
Prossus etc. & to get Silen (Bad eye)  
ad herculee (invertebrate bites) to  
hospital & then down to the boat.

Didn't bank for the others, had a  
bite of breakfast & then got the  
whole lot down to the creek behind  
Samson. Loaded boat & got away  
at 10.10 hrs.

### Dolphin Island

Sailed north the weather and of Dolphin  
& then into Flying Fox Passage.  
Dart ashore on beach with walk lagoon  
with mangroves towards saddle end of  
passage.

Tide out. An awful postage across  
the sand and shallows in drizzling  
rain.

Got camp up & tent fly up.  
Rain set in. All stores under  
fly.

~~They~~ managed to get whole  
party under the fly for  
the night.

3<sup>rd</sup> June Sunday 1862.

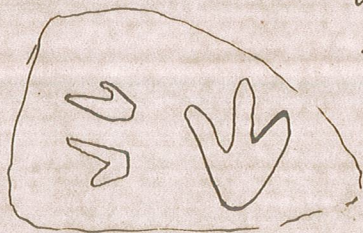
Rained hard all night - lay in bed about  
0800. got Breakfast for party.

Plotted routes to be taken by parties.  
John & Helen (Southern) Riders' Munkie  
(about due S.W. across island) Rob.  
(about due east) John to east coast  
of Rock for survey.

Went to 1<sup>st</sup> left camp at approx 11.00 hrs.  
x crossed over to the other broad valley  
opposite Boat Passage. 3 piles of  
rocks about mile from Boat Passage  
Native survey on rock column at  
Northern end of Northern pile. (seen clear  
in air photo 1963).

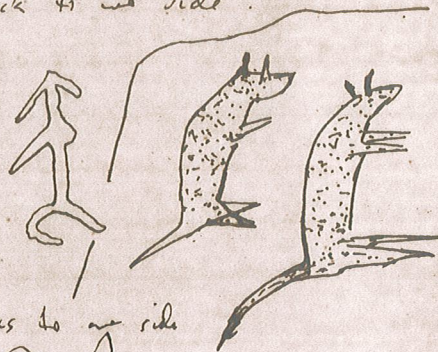
i.e. about centre of  
Southern end of  
Dolpair.

Top of Rock.

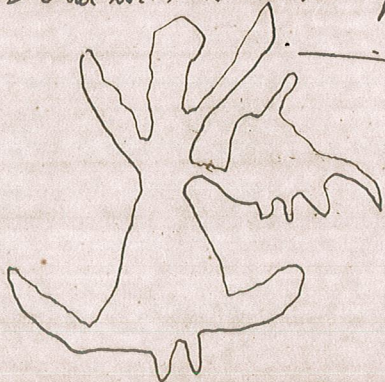


chased bird of prey  
a ? fox scat.

Small rock to the side



2 other rocks to the side

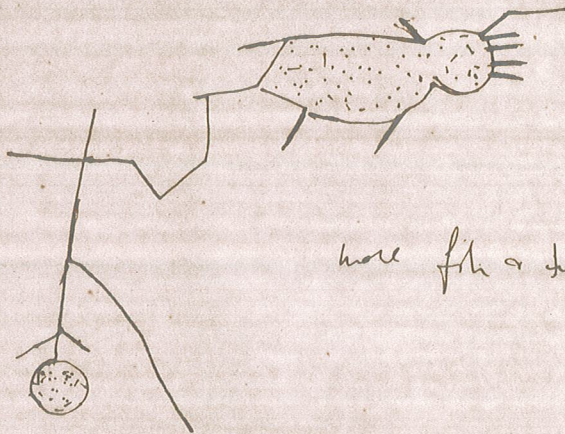
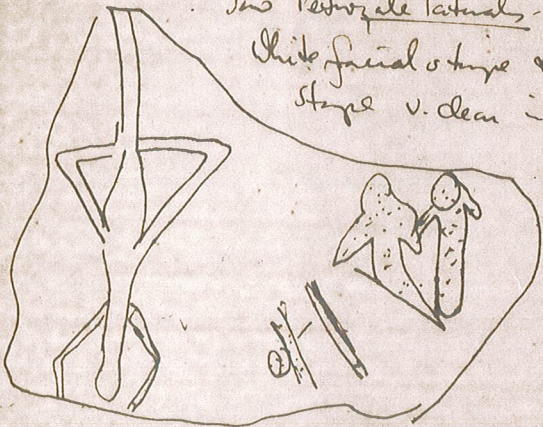


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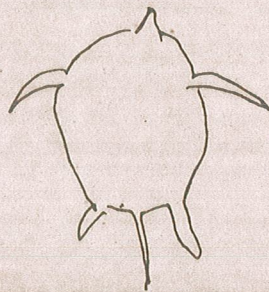
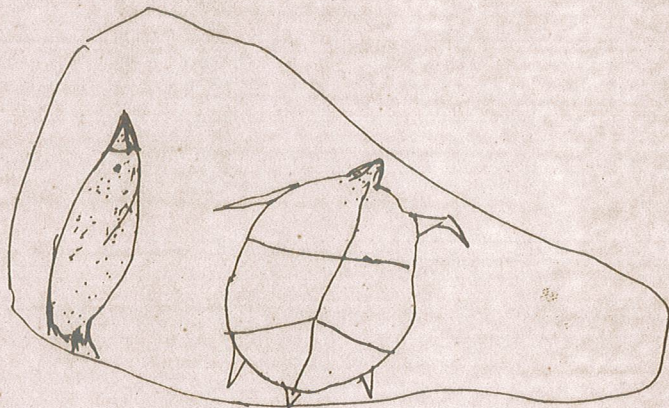
Crossed over to the Eastern mangrove  
flood plain in Boat passage. Met  
Bob Royce a way. He had got too  
far south. Was pleased to get one  
specimen of the Pennisia in flower.

Went down hill to the Western  
side of the flat floor. crossed  
over at low tide to a small  
heap of rocks among the mangroves.  
found further east.

Ses. Petrozale latinalis v. distinct.  
White facial stripe & lateral  
stripe v. clear indeed.



more fish & tracks.



Drawings by  
Heinrich Macdonald.

(3rd June Cont)

Retired to camp across island heady  
due West.

Shot Brown Honeyeater at dusk and  
then a ♀ robustus Young.

W.R. 90

Hf 22. E 9.5. TL. 114

Tail. 57

Wt. 54 kg.

Skin or skull,

Helen reported footprints or droppings.

Alan + Helen found an aggregation of  
cavities at a creek below the camp  
in Flying Fox's camp.

Two large reported scattered cavities  
such as we did.

Decided to spend next day in  
going to photograph Glen's side  
& then to try to get a ♂ Robustus  
for meibee [to skin]

To Bed about 11.00.

7<sup>th</sup> June 1962. (Monday)

ie. western side of Dolphin

Walked down to Glen's site. V. depressed.  
The crabs so far as v. poor compared  
with those at Degrud. They seem to  
be related - same fish, turtles,  
lungworm etc and stick men. but  
also some curious "gobbies" which  
appear to be local.

Completed a box w. pen X. and  
then discovered that we were out of  
box v. completed it in Sktadrome.

Walked back to camp via the  
western edge of the broad valley  
hoping to get a euro.

Shot a ♀ robustus WR P1

was bar joey - pond. Carried it

back to camp. WT 13 kg, HF 24, E 11

TL 135, Tail 64. \*

Absolutely checked - as is the whole  
party. Feet are very sore from these  
dreadful stones. So much more difficult  
to move on than Degrud. These weather  
round and thus the surface is full  
of gibber like stones and the great  
rock piles are poorly locked and  
are v. unstable to walk on.

\* Joey later lost.

1st June 1962 Tuesday.

0630 Spot 5 Coellus. from a flock of about 70 feeding near cays.

Tried to walk around for a euro.

No luck. Bob & Glen left after breakfast.

1030 <sup>for walk on island</sup> ~~Bill~~ Miller and Bob & Dick arrived to take us to Legende. Complete misunderstanding. They will be back tomorrow to take us to ~~Legende~~ Croft & Gidley.

Bob took us down to the creek where he sheltered from the Cyclone. We entered it at high water. A beautiful little mangrove weed between high rock piles opening out into a broad valley.

Photographed entrance with boat in both Ektachrome & Plus X.

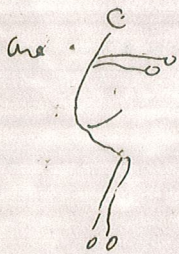
Small creek off Boat  
Passage on  
Karaita (ie  
Smitten) side.

This was the start of a new plus X (2) and the beginning of this sequence in Ektachrome.

Examined rock piles along the west edge of the water and at the beginning of the broad valley. A truly remarkable set of cays, & probably many hundreds more. nearest to the sea there are v. ancient cays. ventured out a few that there is little colour difference between them and the surrounding surface. 3 rocks while walking I have seen before a curious looking thing rather like the antennae of bees in salt lakes. Also a remarkable pair of tall thin people.

buses of kangaroos, most beautifully executed, some stick figs (hollyhubs)

(5 June 1862)



and various other  
musical designs.  
Altogether v. good locality.  
Took a whole canoe full of  
bo v. and recorded all

main types. Photographed across boat passage up White Valley.

The anterior like acetabulum (drawn from  
memory) is in the following plan



Unfortunately Bob  
had to get the boat  
out again at  
high water and I had  
no time to sketch.

Collected a robusta skull.

Phot turtle. There are v. plentiful  
& this week which Bob agrees should  
be called Turtle Creek.

left Turtle Creek at 12:20 and on  
up coast to place in bay  
N of our Camp Beach & Flying  
Farm passage.

West side of  
Dolphin.

Shen reports good aggregates of  
curwings.

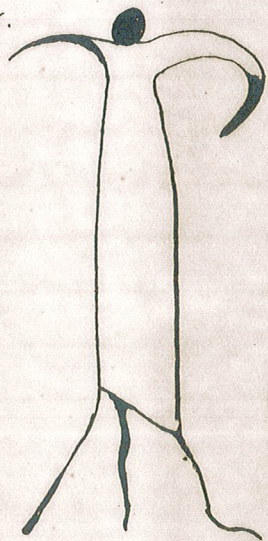
Had lunch on Hill top overlooking  
beach & Flying Farm a most  
lovely place. Fair Water directly  
withed down to emergence of  
very gorges above the beach.  
a great rock pile overlooking  
the sea, and the only thing in the  
course of the rock face - a  
most numerous "gobbie" dancing.



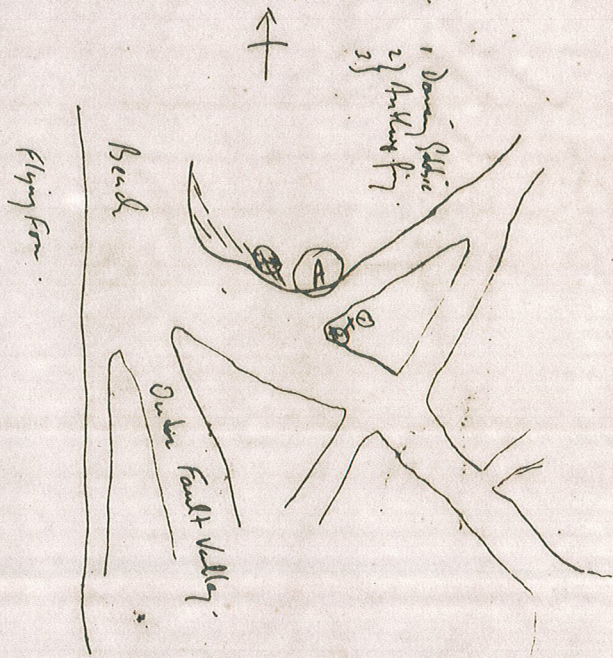
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Photographed peckings. Forest (i.e. nearest  
sea) is a good v. big le-garoo.  
Some *Anthus cervinus* gobbies.

4.g.



The drawings are not high in value  
about 1 day in all. but of v. good  
quality. location.

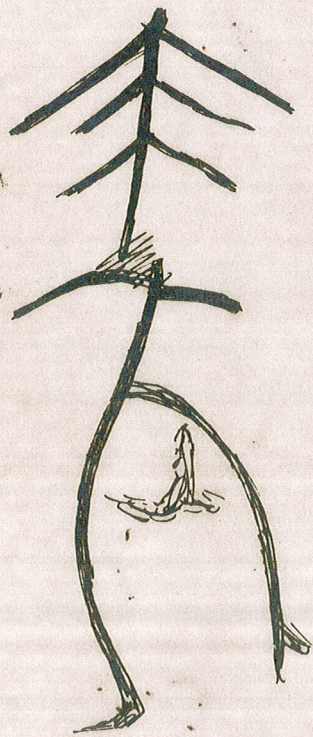


Immediately facing the darning gobbie at loc. A  
is a <sup>supra</sup>tree (*Ventilago viminalis*) under which  
there were some old & faint peckings.



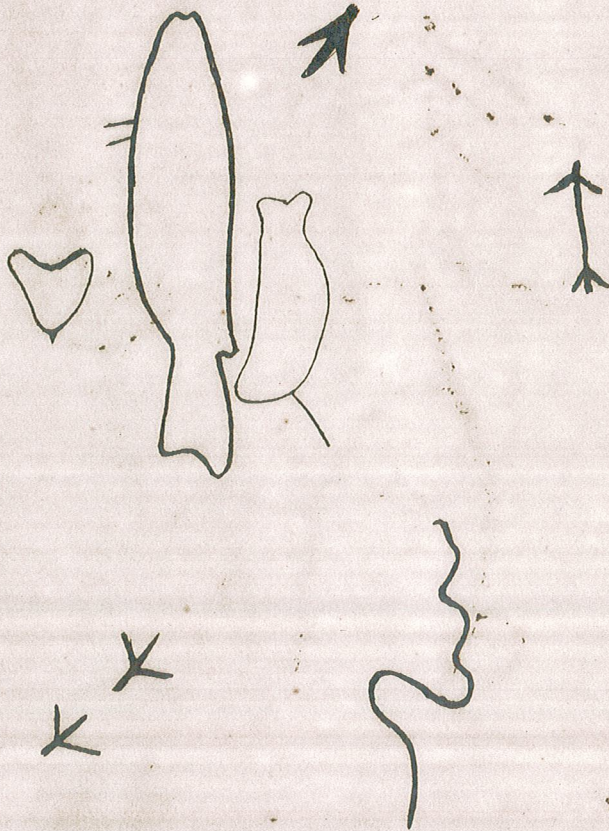
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I could not photograph due to light.



etc.

The rockpile back at camp also contains several peckings.

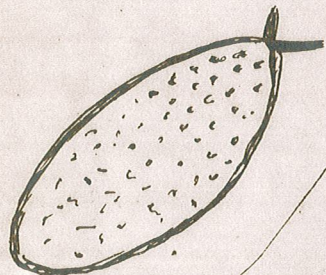


Finished & walked back to camp.

6<sup>th</sup> June 1862. Vichosky.

Blowing hard from the east. Do not expect  
hills to come over us.

Explored rock piles and cays.



1/2 mts high

(6 fig cut)



Went back to Glen &  
Bobs "Stanley Chasm" to find the  
cave I missed yesterday.

Photographed many things  
interesting examples were  
a horn with a fish in its  
beak, a man with head  
& various other anthropomorphic  
figs. Also present were typical  
Heddad tunnels, dugouts, keyholes,  
etc.

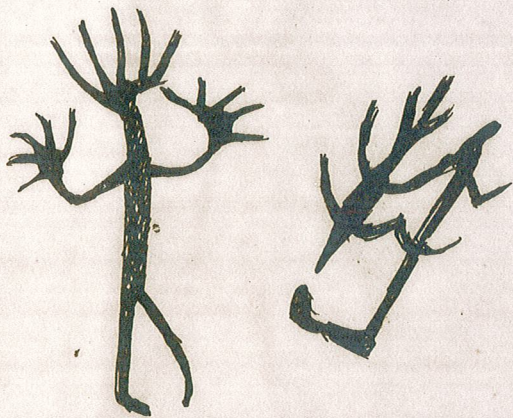
George also carries various inscriptions  
by Europeans. 2/1. W.H. 1860 HT 1872



sketch of a single pond.

(6 June cont)

Went back to finish off the gorge with the diving "gobbie". Big fallen block at entrance to gorge is undoubtedly with ? anthropomorphs.



1 turtle & 2 dogs.

0610 hrs. heard boat arrive. Bill Miller, has a Peter ("Buck") had taken advantage of a drop in the wind to come in and go through to Sassa. Decided to take Frank Norton back into Sassa because there was every likelihood of wind continuing & making it impossible for him to get to Roebane in time for place on Monday.

Sorry to see him go - he has been a good member of the party & a stabilizing influence. I am also very pleased with his paintings; to me they are a very fine record of how the party has felt about its island.

Wrote a hurried letter to Margaret asked her to get in touch with Ray. Also sent all film exposed to date with a note to Bob requesting extra of bow. shots to Roebane.

7<sup>th</sup> June 1962 Thursday.

Morning started dull with slight rain  
got tent reset up because wind  
had almost demolished it.

No sign of Bob. Does not appear to  
be a hope of getting to Angel  
or Sidley today. Much too strong  
a wind.

A few larks gave up easily so  
that several birds i.e. 2 singing  
honeycreepers and a willie whistler  
do keep the girls busy and  
then went out with John to see  
if I could get a male Paro.

Spent spudex looking for  
larks — was lucky to <sup>find</sup> ~~find~~ Phylloscopus  
elderi probably one last all  
the males of the world part  
together!

Sexes reptile score is now 14.

Varanus gouldi, Pehya variegata,  
S. punctata, Diplodactylus eldri,  
Phyllodactylus ocellatus, Tiliqua  
bandrouti, Squamorphus leuvenie  
S. isolepis, Ablepharus burtaini,  
A. taeniopleurus, (A. greyi)  
Amphibolurus sp. (? caudicinctus)  
Demonia psammoptera, Chelonia myda

Collected a male M. robustus

WR 92 ♂ Total length c. 171 mm.  
HF, 27: E 1 1/2.

No tail length taken. Skinned  
out in field because too heavy  
to bring back alive. 40 mins with  
a 2" pocket knife!

Sleep stage with spudex (Trodia)  
and rocky boulders.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1962. (Friday)

Cleaned up camp and prepared to  
move out.

10.30 Bob McIlrick came in with boat  
and we decided to go over to  
Angel and Sidley for a brief spell  
before full tide when it would be  
impossible to get to Legendre.

Star & Ride west. Roger & Gulls stayed -  
ANSEL ISLAND.

11.10 Landed on North West head (in  
the passage between Angel & Sidley)  
No sign of kangaroo scats.  
Rat holes everywhere - sandy  
flat. Flora seems different from  
that on Dolphin. Fox scats.  
Grasses everywhere but appears to  
be ungrazed. eg. Themada in

Dolphin has very little kelp but here  
it is knee height.

Walking in gully, very difficult  
owing to grass covering boulders.

Spent 20 mins on island.

Artifacts common above head.

SIDLEY ISLAND.

Landed on head opposite that on Angel.

Spent 20 mins on island. Just  
like Angel. Grasses everywhere.

Fox scats. No sign of Aboriginal  
inhabitants.

LEGENDRE

Landed on Legendre approx 3 pm.

Low moisture. V. varied vegetation.

No sign of mammals. Got camp up.

Collected some snails. Wolf spiders  
running everywhere.

9th June 1962 (Saturday).

Rained during the night. Collected under a tent fly. There are a few that could be a number of boats are unable to come for us on Wednesday.

Dried bedding.

Strows in the morning. Walked out across the island to a red-soil depression in the centre. Large mounds of rodent burrows in the sandy soil.

After lunch went out again with files.

This island is predominantly made of an unstratified aeolianite with sand along beaches, some slight mangrove mud, valleys which are depressions filled with a sandy red loam.

The ridges are of hard aeolianite with pisolites and flow laminae visible. No sign of the B.D. find Boths. On the western side of the island are sea cliffs with a wide salt spray zone of exposed aeolianite and a characteristic flora. The cliff top is also dotted with cast up boulders as a Barrier Jane.

The burrows of mice are common everywhere there is any soil & they are of the bark-cast conifer plant (Spicostemma) or Timodia. Found a skull on the ground and obtained a small mired by burning out a Timodia patch on the grassy zone. It staggered out of its burrow - somewhat flat.

x later attempted to escape & squealed when caught.

(3 fine comb)

was shot at, died but into a snowed and was dug out. It made no attempt to bite or make no sound.<sup>x</sup>

These could be young  
↓ see 96.

W.R. 93 ♀ 1+3=8

HF 25.5, E. 16, Total length. 21.5

Tail 10 Scales 12-13 per cm.

Weight (?) Not taken. Photographed by D.

Fixed in formalin. When richly vascularized with 3 small brown placental lobes hanging through an incision and one on the other.

[Colour not different from the two 39 caught on 10<sup>th</sup> fine only apparent difference - rather objectionable - is that the guard hairs are less prominent and the head seems less heavy.]

Tail stripped when being handled.

Collected these fleas from surface. Appear to be granite or at least a dark igneous rock. Quite foreign to Regardie. No sign of canopy. I difficult to see any surface of rock hard enough to bite them.

Set 3 live traps baited with bread and 2 break back wire traps 1 with apple & 2 with dried peach.

All set around windows in the central soil filled depression.

Walked about with torches after dark - no sign of movement. There is a half moon already well risen early in the evening. This may be why there is.



10<sup>th</sup> June Sunday. 1962.

Shot singing Honeycreepers.  
Visited traps. 1 live trap set off with  
mud in it. 3 break backs all set off  
as with an adult ♂ in it. Others  
empty. Adult ♂ covered with ants  
but appears likely to make a good  
skin.

WR 94 ♂ HF 26 mm.  
E 16.5 Total length 25 cm. Tail 12 cm.  
Wt 86 g. Tail scales 9-10 per cm.

Underfur white to roots dorsal fur  
Very long dark ground hairs (approx 3 cm long)  
overlying grey based yellowish tipped  
dorsal hair. Tail hairs about 1/2 scales  
long. Tarsus brownish. Testes drab.  
Skin & skull

Photographed feet & hind feet in Br. & ad  
side view of WR 94.

WR 95 ♂ HF 28 mm. E 15.5

Total length 24 cm Tail 11 cm  
Wt. 65 g. Tail scales 10-11 per cm.

Testes drab.

Colour as WR 94. Skin & skull.

When picked up by the tail  
the tail stripped its skin  
& escape without

Walked over to other side of  
road. film

Set 3 live traps & 3 break backs.

11th June 1962. Windy.

Trapped two Rattus in live traps.  
2 back legs set off but mouse  
traps are really too small for this  
job. Ectoparasites - ? two species of ticks  
and 1 of flea (one copulating) collected.

WR 96 ♀ 2+3 = 10



Total length 24.5 cm. Tail 12.

HF 25.5. E. 16.7.

Wt. 69g.

trapped in central  
depression in island.

had only 10mm. many  
knives. live traps baited  
with dried fruit.

Skin, Skull, Preserved carcass.

Uterus richly vascularized.

1 pregnant path in one uterus  
and 3 in the other. ? early pregnancy

WR 97 / ♂ total length. 22 ins.  
Tail. 10.5 HF. 27  
Ear. 16.5 wt. 49 g.

Underfur scars much thicker and  
longer than in WR 96.

Young animal. Testes closely applied  
to lower abdomen on either side  
of tail. No sign of descent into  
scrotal pouches.

Walked down into sad plain at foot of  
Escarpment and behind the major area of  
mangroves on the S. side of the V. d. d.  
Good crosses along the escarpment which  
run for 6-12 ft high as a well  
cliff. Saw rat in dusk. Then saw 2 in daylight  
collected rat boxes (in large numbers) from  
the crosses and also saw others which  
are possibly human. Set 6 traps.  
2 in the sad plain.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1962. Tuesday.

0520 hrs. Got up & got breakfast  
going to meet the boats if  
they come.

0620. Visited traps. The house traps  
in the centre of the island  
contained 2 grams of Gymnomys  
isolepis ! The dry live trap  
contained nothing. Bait - prunes  
not touched.

Went down to the sand  
plain by the big mangrove  
patch. 2 traps for rats.

DR 98 ♂ Small dent. wt 82g.  
TL 26.5 cms. Tail 13.1 cms.  
~~#16~~ HF 28mm. E. 17mm.

WR 99

♂ *Scolecophagus*

Wt. 63g. TL. 23.3 cm.

Tail 11.3 cm. HF 28 mm., E 16.5 mm.

Both caught in sand plain between  
Inshore esplanade & the sea (mangroves)  
Extensive saucer system. Both  
lungs bristled with ~~and~~ dried peach.

Boats arrived and loaded with great  
difficulty owing to rapidly falling  
tide. Got back boats out to  
the stands between Legardie and  
Siddly by pulling alongside &  
pushing. Aborigines could easily do  
the carrying. A few ducks about  
& turtles plentiful.

Loaded on trailers - picked up stones  
& then on to Lewis

(12 June cont)

Landed on beach in the bay which is greatly indented in the north eastern coast of the island. We have an excellent campsite at the eastern edge of the beach clear of the mangroves but close enough to enable us to collect mangrove birds and wood.

Went out and examined the plain behind the beach — numerous fresh rat holes and disturbed the range immediately behind the camp and down into the valley on the opposite side. This is filled with dense *Spinifex* and sedge vegetation — clearly not been burnt for many years — of course, and there are numerous rat holes.

No sign of nests of mangroves anywhere. a few rat droppings among the rocks on the range and very in

the valley and on the coastal plain.

No signs of ~~unmanaged~~ grazing.

I would say that there were no  
rodents in this island.

Set the traps on the coastal  
plain. — bait Apricot. Peaches.

Got dead up.

Collected some insects.

13<sup>th</sup> June 1962. Wednesday.

A beautiful night. crisp. No rain or dew. slept soundly night through and awakened by Corellas flying overhead at first light.

Got fire going and breakfast - then visited traps. nothing and no trace of a visit. but reset in valley.

Worked out routes with Glen & Bob. Bob will get into central SW-NE valley and will go down its main axis. Glen will do the edges of the North-western semi-island and rocky headlands to the west of that. I will get the traps into the next valley (seen last night) and will cross the coast immediately opposite the campy beach (S.E. side



of Island) and with bank to camp  
around the North eastern headlands.

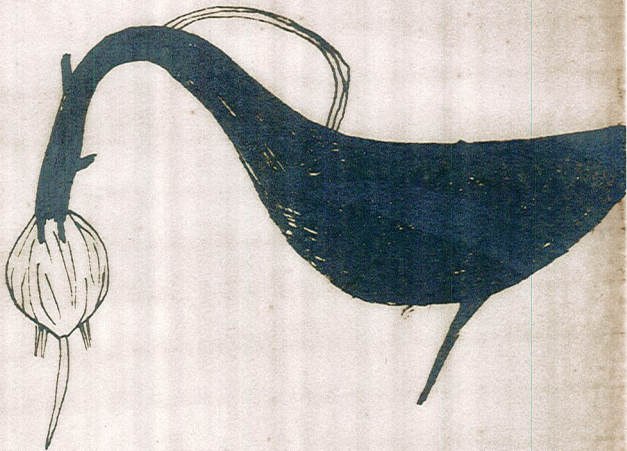
Walked out up the valley to its southern  
<sup>set traps</sup> and then climbed highest hill in sight.  
From top could see that the passage  
to K. Lewis was completely above water  
except for some 20 or 30 feet at the  
east Lewis end. This would not have  
been more than 2 or 3 feet below surface.  
The straits north of K. Lewis is also  
walkable to:

Had lunch on the rocks of excellent  
rock oysters, mussels, dried fruit &  
an apple - real fit for an aristocrat.

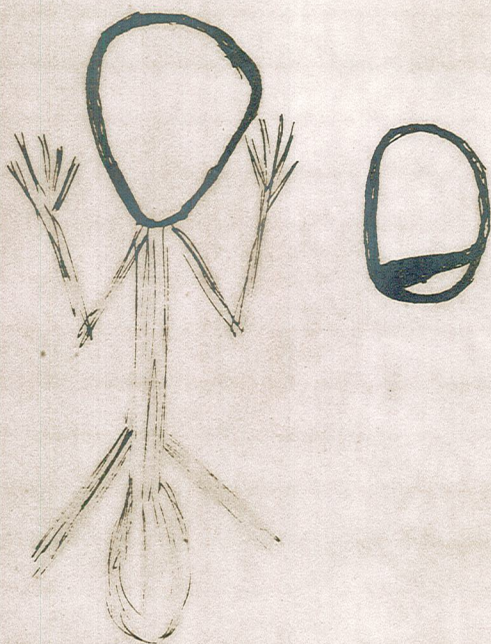
Continued along the beach. Examined  
an osprey's nest. No birds. No signs  
of nests among the rocks.

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found the first downy woodpecker  
nests at the eastern end of  
shingle bank. Curious downy not  
seen before. Incubated pecking -  
curious fire opening.



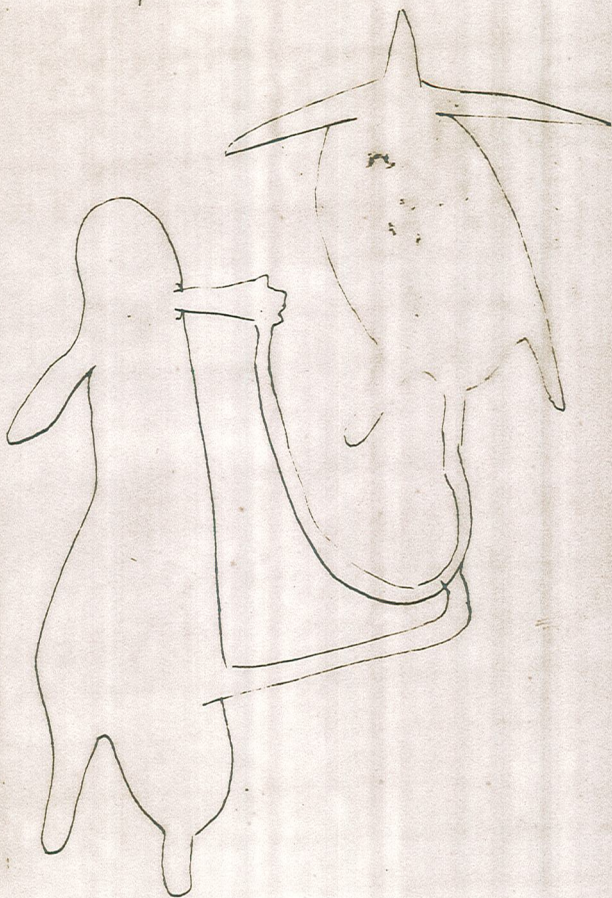
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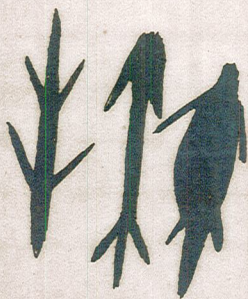
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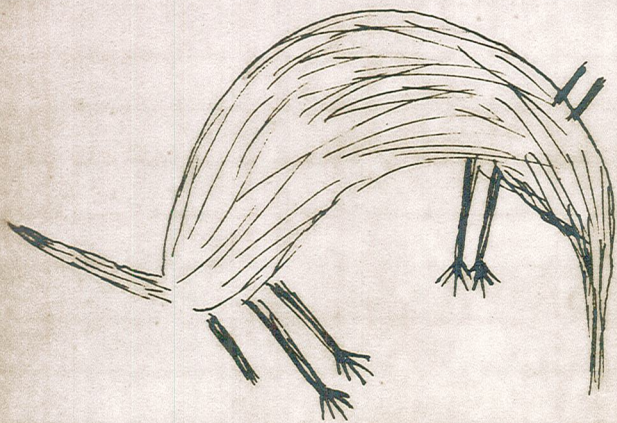
entirely pectred.



Smaller fig. feather -



Localia and. entirely scratched.



Reduced to cap in water leaded. No wing.

14 June 1862. Thursday.

Caught 2 rats in the live traps. These are much darker than the *kyedae* rats.

WR 100 / ♀. Wt 100g.  
2+3 = 10 as in *kyedae* rat.

Tl. 26.5 cm. Tail 12.5 HF 27.5 cm E 18 mm.

Scales per C<sub>2</sub> = 10. Skin, skull, carcass in spirit. Utric much larger than in the L. animal. 5 pairs of spots in ~~no horns~~ at 2 in the other. *Kyedae* rats have ~~small~~ *kyedae*.

This rat is much more shaggy haired than the *kyedae* rat and seems to be a very much gentler creature. The female has a pale dip to its tail but this may just be an individual variant.

WR 101 / ♂. Wt 115g. ~~120g~~ Tl. 26.5 cm. T. 12 cm.  
HF 27 mm. E 18 mm. Scales per C<sub>2</sub> 9-10.

Testes scrotal. Skin, skull carcass in spirit.

Went back into valley with Royce and  
then over to coast to locate the  
coveys accurately - see air photos.  
Did this and then back to camp.  
No further coveys.

Bob's bird case in the wing -  
feeling v. bad. He is willing to  
work for us tomorrow. Laid a  
full day. Rosemary first then  
Industry followed by the introduces  
if there is time.

15 June 1962. Friday

ROSEMARY.

0710 Got underway. Off to Rosemary. Quite a surge, landed on Beach on northern side.

Rope tied a circle around from the beach. Stan went over to the north west point to look at the rocks for crabs, and to collect lizards.

Kids went down the main rocky ridge from the rock beach and then across to the main wharf.

Rock wallabies (P. notk. hildii) are common. Their tracks numerous among the low coastal vegetation. Drooping everywhere.

Climbed rock piles and notk. hildii everywhere. stood still - they were



very negative and one down and looked  
at it. Some got within 12 feet or so.  
Took numerous photographs - top & end  
columns. Should have an excellent  
series. Characteristic and straight-out  
-in-front other agitated pores. exactly  
like the woodstock mud in the  
yards at zoology. Ands paid little  
attention to it. One of the mounds  
- a large one - was very pyramidal  
about a position among the rocks.  
Gives other mounds physical feel  
which included. Hope I got a photo  
of them fighting.

Collected a minor low land alluvial  
on the top end on the northern side of  
the main. V. flat on top - unlike  
anything I have seen.

Found a deep (inch) brown Egencia  
about 8" long with thin tapering

(15 June cont)  
There is some coastal limestone here  
like the one in the valley.

tail. v. short snout with yellowish  
lateral scales. [Glen says (?) striatata  
young]. Found among a S.W. of main part.  
Picked up boat and sail under  
beach. Tracks of wallabies & plenty  
Tire on island approx 4 hours.

ENDERBY. In the Enderby, landed at E  
end of bay with beach. Walked  
across island to large patch of  
rocks visible on hills in South.  
Crossed large claypan. No canyons  
seen but artifacts numerous.  
Wallaby tracks everywhere. Wallabies  
seen by Glen, Menzies and Hider who  
seem to think that it is Rothschildi  
Menzies says it is latralis but  
he didn't see the face or  
side view at all. There was all along  
coastal indentations.  
Picked up skulls.  
Tire on island 2 hours.

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0600 hrs got up and crested  
Cape.

0700 hrs. All hilled and Bob's which  
died up and had whole party  
stayed etc to "Eden" over and  
at Malus.

0800 hrs. Sailed for Inver.

1630 hrs. Arrived Inver. Very heavy  
snow. Difficult to get ashore.  
Left kit for next day &  
disembarked for Hotel.