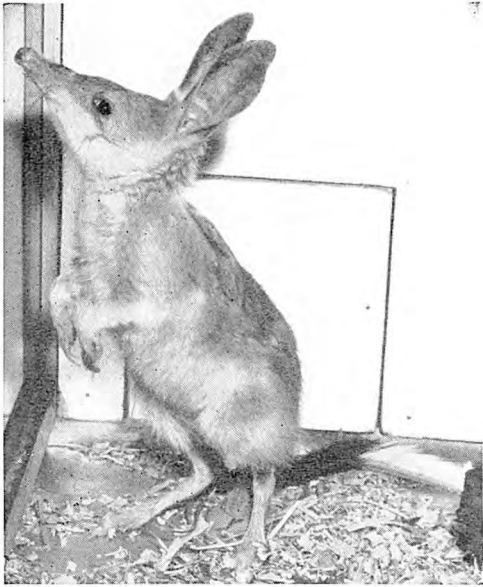


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# DALGITE

## *Macrotis lagotis*

This marsupial, also known as the Rabbit-eared Bandicoot or Bilby, is one of the most attractive of our pouched animals. It is readily distinguished by its silky blue-grey fur, its extremely long ears and its tail, half of which is black and half white, and which is long, well-haired and crested.

Although they are said to occupy rabbit burrows, they are actually the only bandicoot which burrows for itself. Dalgites destroy harmful insects and small vertebrates and early settlers protected them

for this reason. Later, many were destroyed for their lovely fur. Once very common, they are nowadays only reported from isolated areas in the far north and in the desert. They seem to be virtually extinct in the wheatbelt which was once their stronghold. If any still occur there we want to protect their habitat. Therefore, if you sight a Dalgite, and you are sure of your identification, please report the time and place and date of the sighting, together with details of the status of the land, if known, to—

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