

DUCK BANDS RETURNED

Since banding commenced on June 4, 1952, a total of 435 rings have been placed on wild ducks in many parts of Western Australia. The vast majority of ducks banded were of the black (or grey) variety, just a mere handful of teal having been ringed.

Six bands have been returned to the Department, as shown in the following table, which gives an interesting picture of their dispersal. All recoveries were black duck.

No. of ring	Date ringed	Where ringed	Date recovered	Where recovered	Distance travelled
1105	1953 Jan. 21	Queen's Gardens, Perth	1953 Feb. 2	Avon River, Northam	50 miles
1316	" 31	Yanchep	" 8	10m. south of Fremantle	50 "
1097	" 21	Queen's Gardens, Perth	" 8	Gillingarra Moore River	68 "
1190	" 22	do.	" 7	Avon River, Burges' Siding	56 "
1351	Feb. 12	Wardering Lake	" 15	10m. N.E. of Kojonup	10 "
1280	Jan. 27	Yanchep	" 19	Yunderup	71 "

In the April issue of the Bulletin, Messrs. Saville and Traynor will tell the full story of the duck banding operations since their inception.

REFUSAL OF LICENSES

Last year a number of Fremantle fishermen were prosecuted for having removed the berry from, or for having otherwise dealt with, spawning crayfish. A conviction was recorded in each case, but a fine of £1 only was imposed on each offender. There was considerable jubilation on the part of the fishermen