

Warden J. Traynor has almost reached the thousand mark with his duck-banding operations. As soon as this figure is reached he will pack up his traps until next spring. His work during April has been confined to Queen's Gardens, Perth, and Lake Karrinyup, Balcatta.

TRAPPING WILD DUCK FOR BANDING



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Warden J. Traynor with ducks in trap (Lake Karinyup)



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"Dry" trap, duck entering box (Yanchep)



Shallow-water trap (Lake Karinyup)



Improvised deep-water stake trap (Lake Wardering)

In the last issue of the "Bulletin" a table of recoveries was given. The following recoveries were reported to the Department in April:-

No.	Date ringed	Place where ringed	Date recovered	Place where recovered	Distance travelled
,		BI	ACK DUCK		Miles
1035	5.6.52	Queen's Gardens Perth	ca.8.1.53	8 m. S. of Boyup Brook	135
1154	11.11.52	Narrikup	14.4.53	Chittering Lake	225
1277	27.1.53	Yanchep	12.4.53	Yanchep (found dead)	
		GREY TEAL		and the little of the	elmen (
1317	10.2.53	Lake Wardering Woodanilling	29.3.53	11m.Nof Kojonup	25
1342	12.2.53	do.	15.3.53	do.	25
1358	do.	do.	3.4.53	10m.N. of Kojonup	25

COCKROACHES

As is almost inevitable with small boats associating with other boats, one or two of our patrol vessels are slightly infested with cockroaches. The advice of the Government Entomologist was sought as to what control measures might be adopted, and he has replied as follows -

"Cockroaches may be effectively controlled by dusting or spraying with DDT. Where it is desirable to bring a heavy infestation under control quickly, kerosene sprays of 4% or 5% DDT should prove most satisfactory. If fire risk precludes the use of the kerosene mixture, then water mixtures could be substituted. If cockroach activity persists after two sprayings at an interval of about a fortnight, 10% Gammexane dust could be liberally applied behind cupboards and other fixtures likely to harbour the insects."