

Any unusual characteristics that may help to identify the net at a future date, such as the condition and size of the corks, leads and lines; the method of joining the lines and wings of net together; the condition of the rope ends, whether knotted, spliced, or served; any mends in the net, also any variation in the ply of the cotton; and last of all the mesh. If there is any change in the size of the mesh full particulars are noted.

GNOW, OR MALLEE FOWL, IN GINGIN DISTRICT

While in the Gingin district recently, the departmental party was conducted by Mr. W. de Burgh to a spot where a pair of mallee fowl had excavated a nest. The excavation was about 2'6" in depth and perhaps 4' in width, and a large number of leaves had been got together for placing in the nest. The birds were absent when the party was there, but from the description furnished by Mr. de Burgh, who had seen them only a day or two previously, there is little doubt as to their identity.

The mound-building mallee fowl, as its name implies, is largely restricted to mallee areas, and there is no previous departmental record of the bird having been seen in the Moore River country.

At one time fairly plentiful, closer settlement has greatly restricted the range of the gnow, which is today comparatively rare.