

CONVICTIONS RECORDED

October 1 to December 31, 1953.

Date	Defendant	Court	Charge	Result
12.10.53	Waters, W.A.	Fremantle	Fish in close waters	Fined £5
12.10.53	Waters, W.F.	do.	Undersize fish	" £5
3.12.53	Rowland, J.	Geraldton	Undersize crayfish	" £2
3.12.53	Smith, G.F.	do.	do.	" £2
3.12.53	Penniment, C.	do.	do.	" £3
3.12.53	Worthington, R.	do.	do.	" £2
3.12.53	McEvoy, E.	do.	do.	" £2

BANDING OF WILD DUCK

On December 2, 1953, the Fauna Warden, Mr. J. Traynor, commenced the Department's duck banding programme for the current season. Three traps were set at Watson's Lake, about 5 miles south of Dumbleyung. This body of water covers an area of approximately 300 acres. Mr. Traynor estimated that there were 600 to 700 birds on the lake. Grey teal predominated, but there were also on the lake mountain duck, black duck and swan.

The number of ducks trapped was rather disappointing. This lack of success was due mainly to the abundance of natural food, which made the food offered by Mr. Traynor less acceptable. The situation was aggravated by the blocking of the entrances to the traps by weed stirred up by persistent strong winds.

In all only 64 birds were trapped, comprising 41 grey teal, 7 black duck and 16 mountain duck.

On December 20 the traps were lifted and two were set at Queen's Gardens, Perth. Here 15 black ducks

were trapped and 13 banded, the remaining 2 being re-traps.

Since the opening of the duck season on December 20 the following recoveries have been reported.

No.	Date Ringed	Place where Ringed	Date Recovered	Place where Recovered	Distance Travelled
<u>Black Duck</u>					
1054	11.6.52	Queen's Garden	22.12.53	8 miles S. of Northam	50 miles
1732	21.4.53	do.	30.12.53	Busselton	135 "
1950	4.5.53	do.	22.12.53	Mandurah	45 "
<u>Grey Teal</u>					
1494	26.2.53	Karrinyup Lake	20.12.53	Roelands Swamp	97 "

Mr. Traynor proposes to start at Karrinyup Lake early in the new year.