

Mr. Munro paid tribute to the work of Inspector S. W. Bowler for his efforts in preparing the stall and also to Assistant Inspector G. Coombes for his assistance.

The attendance was quite good and as usual Mr. Munro enjoyed answering the multitudinous questions of the children.

DUCK BANDING

On the 3rd February Fauna Warden J. Traynor proceeded to the Three Springs area following reports of large aggregations of duck in the vicinity of Yarra Lake. Although these reports were factual, the lake proved quite unsatisfactory for trapping purposes. Consequently Mr. Traynor investigated the possibilities of the many swamps between Yarra Lake and the coast, but he was disappointed to find trapping everywhere was impossible for one reason or another.

On the 9th Mr. Traynor proceeded to Moora where, through the kind co-operation of Mr. Cook, he was able to set up his traps on some promising swamps on the latter's property. Although there were hundreds of grey teal present, only two came into the traps and one blue-winged shoveller. Black ducks entered the traps fairly freely and 121 were banded.

Mr. Traynor returned to Perth on the 21st and will shortly proceed to Lake Wardering, in the Woodanilling district, where banding operations were quite successful last year. A start, of course, must be made in the south before the early rains commence.

Recoveries

The following rings have been recovered since the issue of the February Bulletin.

No.	Date Ringed	Place Where Ringed	Date Recovered	Place Where Recovered	Distance Travelled
<u>BLACK DUCK</u>					
1833	22.4.53	Queen's Gardens	13.2.54	Swamp 7 miles west Waroona	65 miles
1112	9.5.53	do.	31.1.54	Chittering	40 "
1745	21.4.53	do.	14.2.54	Hyde Park	3 "
<u>GREY TEAL</u>					
1381	14.2.53	Wardering Lake	12.2.54	Swamp North-West Brunswick	85 miles
2065	19.12.53	Watson's Lake, Dumbleyung	25.2.54	Gundaring Lake	15 "

N.B. In the February Bulletin band number 2135 was shown as having been placed on a duck on the 24th January. This should have read ringed 9.1.54, recovered 24.1.54.

FISHERIES ACT

Section 24 - Seizure of Fish

Some doubt recently arose as to whether fish seized under Section 24 may be disposed of before the case is heard. The Departmental view is that the Act is quite clear in that fish seized under the provisions of this Section shall be forfeited and may be disposed of in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 50. Despite this authority for disposal, however, it is always advisable to keep a sample of the seized fish to be produced in court as evidence.