

KANGAROOS AND EMUS

As reported in the April issue Mr. H.B. Shugg and Mr. J. Traynor will undertake an investigation of the prevalence of these species in the lower south west road districts, this month.

It is proposed that they should leave Perth on the 3rd of May and proceed through Woodanilling, Katanning and Cranbrook areas, across to Boyup Brook and then to Balingup, Donnybrook and Bunbury. It is expected that the trip will take about 10 days and it is hoped that if their duties permit, Inspector Jeffcry of Albany and Inspector Green from Bunbury will participate in the inspection of the areas which pertain to their districts.

It is intended, if possible, to spend at least two days in the Manjimup Road District owing to the number of complaints that have been received concerning the depredation of emus in that area.

Altogether it is expected that something in the vicinity of 1500 miles will be covered and, apart from field surveys, many local farmers, Farmers' Union Secretaries, and Road Board Secretaries will be interviewed.

KANGAROO SKINS

The table sets out the kangaroo skins sold through licensed dealers from January to December, 1953.

As a considerable amount of reselling between dealers occurs, these figures may not be "spot on" but they should be fairly accurate.

They should not be taken as an indication of the number of kangaroos killed throughout W.A. as it is impossible to determine the number of these animals which are shot and left to rot or the pelts saved but used in the home.

RETURN OF MARSUPIAL SKINS

1953

Month	Reds	Greys	Euros	Total
January	1,536	1,782	10	3,328
February	2,372	516	64	2,952
March	1,688	578	41	2,307
April	1,927	282	22	2,231
May	1,545	497	11	2,053
June	3,770	1,422	112	5,304
July	3,505	2,283	30	5,818
August	10,912	3,968	61	14,941
September	5,588	3,498	227	9,313
October	4,284	2,251	42	6,577
November	3,311	2,811	47	6,169
December	1,586	966	10	2,562
TOTAL:	42,024	20,854	677	63,555