

ECHIDNA OR SPINY ANT-EATER

Inspector S.W. Bowler reported last month that two natives captured one of these interesting little animals close to the town of Geraldton. Local residents told Mr. Bowler that they were the first seen for a number of years. It should be understood however that the echidna, like the numbat or banded ant-eater, is a shy and more or less nocturnal creature and is rarely seen because of its nature and habits rather than its rarity. Mr. L. Glauert states that numbers of specimens have been forwarded from Geraldton to the Perth Museum in the past.