

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.

DUCK BANDING

Banding activities concluded for the winter, at least in the South-West, on Mr. Traynor's return from Cape Riche last May.

Recoveries to hand since the publication of the last Bulletin are as follows:-

No.	Date Ringed	Place Where Ringed	Date of Recovery	Place Where Recovered	Distance Travelled
<u>Black Duck</u>					
2207	19/1/54	Lake Karrinyup	9/5/54	Dale River, Beverley district	60 miles
2427	18/2/54	Cook's Farm Moora	22/5/54	Wannamal, Gingin District	35 "
1932	1/5/53	Gwelup Swamp, Wanneru	16/5/54	Duck Pool near Lake Clifton	60 "
1084	20/1/53	Queen's Gardens	24/5/54	Gwambygine Pool on Avon River, 7 miles sth of York	55 "

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<u>Black Duck (Contd)</u>					
2189	15/1/54	Lake Karrinyup	26/5/54	In paddock at Waroona	65 miles
2246	21/1/54	do.	27/3/54	Wokalup	85 "
2315	13/2/54	Cook's Farm Moora	14/5/54	1 mile N.E. Mogumber	30 "
2338	15/2/54	Cook's Farm Moora	28/5/54	5 miles Nth of Mogumber	25 "

The following table sets out the different species of ducks banded, bands recovered from each species, and the percentage of recoveries up to June 30, 1954.

	Black Ducks	Grey Teal	Mountain Duck	Maned Geese	Others	Total
Banded	1414	318	33	21	33	1819
Recovered	75	18	3	-	-	96
Percentage of Recoveries	5.3%	5.66%	9.09%			5.28%