

WHEAT-BELT INSPECTION

Shortly after the party returns from the Murchison-Cockleshell Gully areas, Fauna Warden F.A.L. Connell will carry out a detailed inspection of areas lying between Perth and Merredin. He will proceed through York, Beverley, Quairading, Bruce Rock and Narembeen to Merredin and the lower part of the Mt Marshall Road District and return through Kellerberrin, Tammin, Cunderdin and Northam.

Apart from investigating the prevalence of kangaroos and emus, he will interview Road Board Secretaries, Farmers' Union officials, Police Officers and Honorary Wardens in respect to fauna matters generally. Many complaints have been received of unlicensed shooting and other breaches of the protection laws in these areas in recent months.

DUCK BANDING

Last month Technical Officer J. Traynor, visited a site at Greenbushes which had been recommended as a banding centre.

Although disappointed with the number of ducks which used the area, Mr. Traynor decided that it may be possible to establish a station there at certain times of the year.

On his way and on the return, investigations were made into alleged breaches of fauna protection. Mr Traynor was accompanied by Inspector A.V. Green in the Bunbury district inspections.

Recoveries: Since the publication of the previous Bulletin the following bands have been returned.

All but one of these were banded in by Mr. R. Cook whose farm near Moora was used as a banding station. Mr. Cook is of the opinion that from the time they were banded until they were shot the ducks had not left his property.

RECOVERIES

No.	Date Ringed	Place Where Ringed	Date of Recovery	Place Where Recovered	Distance Travelled
<u>Black Duck</u>					
2317	13/2/54	Cook's Farm Moora	Some time before 31/5/54	Cook's Farm Moora	nil
2322	14/2/54	do.	do.	do.	"
2324	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2327	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2328	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2380	16/2/54	do.	do.	do.	"
2390	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2402	17/2/54	do.	do.	do.	"
2413	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2443	20/2/54	do.	do.	do.	"
2446	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2449	do.	do.	do.	do.	"
2458	21/2/54	do.	do.	do.	"
2803	21/5/54	Eyre River, Cape Riche, 50 miles N.E. Albany	Late June 1954.	Warriup Lake approximately 50 miles N.E. Albany	Not yet known