

OPEN SEASON FOR EMUS

In a recent Government Gazette emus were declared to be not protected in the Albany, Denmark, Plantagenet and Manjimup road districts for six months as from August 1, 1954. During this period any person may take emus on Crown land or on private land with the owner's permission. As in the case of kangaroos protection is not lifted in flora and fauna reserves, timber reserves, and all State Forests and National Parks and any other reserves under the control of a board or other body which has gazetted regulations protecting fauna.

OPEN SEASON FOR FINCHES

As conditions in the Kimberleys were reported to be normal, the open season proclaimed this year is for the usual period from September 1 to December 31. During this period people desiring to trap any of our indigenous finches for gain or reward may obtain a license providing they satisfy the Chief Warden of Fauna that their trapping techniques and holding facilities are of a sufficiently high standard. The fee of such a license is £2 but it does not relieve the holder from the necessity of obtaining separate licenses for each consignment of finches to be exported from the State.

DUCK BANDING

Technical Officer J. Traynor has made arrangements to commence banding operations at Glengarrie Station near Eradu in the Geraldton district this month.

Mr. Traynor has pointed out that if trapping is successful it will be the first time that ducks have been banded north of Moora. It will be interesting to discover whether birds from Geraldton migrate to the south or to the north, or whether they scatter indiscriminately as appears to be the case from the southern banding stations.

Recoveries: Since the publication of the last Bulletin the following bands have been recovered:-

No.	Date Banded	Place Where Banded	Date of Recovery	Place Where Recovered	Distance Travelled
			<u>Black Duck</u>		
2103	8/1/54	Karrinyup	Between Jan. and April	Found dead Hyde Park	Found by gardener
2093	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
2293	25/1/54	Queen's Gardens	do.	do.	do.
2575	23/3/54	do.	do.	do.	do.
1785	21/4/53	do.	do.	do.	do.
1937	2/5/53	Karrinyup	do.	do.	do.