

FAUNA INSPECTION

The Fauna Warden, Mr. G.C. Jeffery, carried out an inspection of the Bunbury - Capel - Busselton districts, from May 2 - 5. Many Road Board and Farmers' Union Secretaries, police officers and honorary wardens were interviewed, but he received very few complaints. Land owners seemed very well satisfied with the existing licensing provisions for dealing with trouble from kangaroos, and an open season for this species is apparently not required.

Several farmers did complain, however, of bronzewing pigeons being destructive at seeding time in the clover paddocks, and have requested an open season. Other reports have been received on this matter, and it is said that bronzewings have a decided preference for albino clover seed and cause considerable damage. The Fauna Protection Advisory Committee will give consideration to the request for an open season at its next meeting.

Up to the time of Mr. Jeffery's visit very little rain had fallen in the district compared with the floods elsewhere. Ducks and other water-fowl were scarce, the majority having left after the February rains.