

of this appeal. One officer from each Department has been nominated to act as an agent for the Appeal Committee to distribute procurement orders. Any member of the staff of this Department may, if he so desires, complete a procurement order for a certain sum to be deducted from his pay each fortnight to be credited to the Appeal Fund. All donations are permissible deductions as "Gifts" on income tax returns, and donors will either be given a receipt from the Department for the total contributions after the procurement order has expired, or the total amount may be shown on the employee's group certificate. Outright donations can, of course, be made direct to the directors of the fund.

Mr. H.B. Shugg, of Head Office, has been nominated as this Department's agent for the Committee, and will distribute procurement orders, when they are available, as and when desired.

FAUNA AT HOUTMAN'S ABROLHOS

With Inspector G. Coombes and Assistant Inspector G.H. Lyon, Mr. H.B. Shugg and Inspector G.C. Jeffery spent over a week on the p.v. "Kooruldhoo" at the Abrolhos last month.

Leaving Geraldton on July 13, the visitors were taken to Pelsart Island in the Southern Group, and then north through the Easter and Wallabi Groups to North Island. On the return trip a day was spent at the Easter Group before returning to Geraldton on July 21.

Birds observed included pied and sooty oyster-catchers; pacific and silver gulls; welcome swallows; fairy, crested, roseate and caspian terns; brown and curlew sandpipers; silvereyes; ospreys; pied cormorants; white-breasted sea eagles; wedge-tailed shearwaters; bosun birds; white-faced storm petrels; painted quail; brush bronzewings; spotted scrub wrens; black-fronted dotterels and one heron - probably a reef heron. On West Pigeon Island in the Wallabi group, an immature and a recently hatched silver gull were found, giving evidence of the winter-nesting of this species.

At East and West Wallabia; many tammar were seen. These little wallabies appeared to be in very good condition and were fairly tame, suggesting that there has been very little, if any, interference with them. As these tammar are an insular sub-species, it is most important that they should be left undisturbed for scientific study.

Three different varieties of lizards, and a carpet snake over six feet long, were also seen on West Wallabi.