

SPERM WHALES

In Vol. 4, No. 11, the November, 1955, issue of this Bulletin, it was reported that the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company at Albany had been maintaining a skeleton staff in expectation of taking a number of sperm whales which are not subject of quota or seasonal restrictions. One sperm whale had been taken in October and since then, six more of this species have been shot, bringing the total to 7. Five were caught in November, and one in December.

The biggest caught was a male, that measured 54 feet 6 inches, and the smallest a female, which measured 35 feet 3 inches.

DUCK BAND RECOVERIES

Since the last publication of the duck banding recoveries the following have been returned to this office -

No.	Date Banded	Place Where Banded	Date of Recovery	Place Where Recovered	Distance Travelled
1560	15.3.53	Queen's Gardens	<u>Black Duck</u> 10.3.55	Queen's Gardens	Leg badly mutilated. Duck caught and killed
2601	24.3.54	do.	about 7.3.55	Dumbleyung	About 140 miles
2301	27.1.54	do.	Jan. '55	Salt Lakes, Augusta	165 "
2557	21.3.54	do.	16.4.55	Between Upper Swan & Bulls- brook, 3 m. S. of Bullsbrook	20 "
2948	26.10.54	Cockleshell Gully	4.5.55	Found dead on Bank Murchison nr. Carnarvon Road	160 "

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1679	25.3.53	Beermullah near Gingin	21.12.54	Gingin Rd, 15 m.W. of Gingin	about 10 miles
1202	22.1.53	Queen's Gardens	26.3.55	Lake Ibis E. Narrogin	125 "
2221	19.1.54	Lake Karrinyup	24.8.55	Lake Gwelup	3 "
2234	20.1.54	Lake Karrinyup	16.2.55	Found dead Hyde Park	3 "
2490	7.3.54	Wardering Lake	18.12.55	Mimegarra via Dandaragan	210 "
3230	3.2.55	Cape Riche	24.12.55	Beelup, 6 m. sth Capel	195 "
2494	8.3.54	Wardering Lake	27.12.55	Benger Swamp	84 "
1520	4.3.53	Queen's Gardens	21.11.55	river fore-shore, near Swan Brewery	leg dama- ged, duck released Mt. Hawthorn
<u>Grey Teal</u>					
2797	20.5.54	Cape Riche	31.1.55	Penebup River, 10 m. from Borden	35 miles
3047	24.11.54	Lake Mears	Apr. '55	Kanowna	275 "
3063	24.11.54	Lake Mears	1.1.55	Benger	110 "
2046	17.12.53	Dawson's Lake	Jan. '55	Dawson's Lake	nil "
3071	26.11.54	Lake Mears	Apr. '55	Lukens Swamp, Beverley	25 "

No.	Date Banded	Place Where Banded	Date of Recovery	Place Where Recovered	Distance Travelled
1664	22.3.53	Big Bootine Swamp, Beer-mullah	18.12.55	Ewlyamartup east of Katanning	205 miles
1398	15.2.53	Wardering Lake	18.12.55	Pepper's Swamp, Nth Aldersyde, Brookton District	approximately 85 miles
1391	14.2.53	Wardering Lake	19.12.55	Kulikup	40 "
2672	15.4.54	Lake Karrinyup	Jan. '56	"Larloona Station" River Darling Menindee, NSW	upwards of 1600 miles
3345	5.2.55	near Cape Riche	1.1.56	Gundaring Lake	150 "
3373	6.2.55	near Cape Riche	25.12.55	Dinninup Pool, 4m. S.W. Kulikup	130 "
<u>Mountain Duck</u>					
2967	27.10.54	Cockleshell Gully	21.1.56	Lake View 2m. W. of Moora	65 "

The band no. 2672 is the first to be returned from outside the State's boundaries. It is a particularly important recovery as, taking it in conjunction with the Victorian banded teal which was shot at Rowle's Lagoon out of Kalgoorlie last season, it provides definite proof that eastern and western duck populations do mingle to some extent. Possibly they may only do so when conditions on the Nullarbor are suitable. They might work around the southern

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coast or through the well-watered northern areas, but between the time that our teal was banded and when it was shot in N.S.W., good rains had been recorded in Central Australia and it is possible that a direct route was taken by the bird.