

SCORECARDS

The Minister for Fisheries (Mr. Kelly) recently appealed to all sportsmen to continue to co-operate with the Department in its duck research programme. Scorecards have been widely distributed again this year and further supplies are available at this Office. It is essential that a large number of correctly completed cards be returned to allow an assessment of the seasons' results to be made and to establish the present status of the duck population.

DUCK BANDING

With the start of the winter rains the banding programme has been temporarily suspended as usual. A permanent trap has however been completed and a further one is to be constructed, also in the Metropolitan area, and if these traps are successful banding will be continued practically throughout the year.

Recoveries :

Since the previous issue of this Bulletin the following bands have been returned :-

Band No.	Banding		Recovery		Distance Flown
	Date	Place	Date	Place	
<u>Black Duck</u>					
6687	26/2/57	Queen's Gardens	12/5/57	Butler's Swamp (found dead)	6 miles
6628	19/2/57	do.	do.	Chittering Lake	45 "
6742	27/3/57	Karrinyup Lake	25/4/57	Watson's Lake, Wannamal	50 "
3425	8/2/55	Cape Riche	12/5/57	Waterloo	195 "
6119	30/4/56	Queen's Gardens (Retrapped April '57)	28/5/57	Shot on Pool near Preston River, about 8 mls E. of Donnybrook	110 "

Band No.	Banding		Recovery		Distance Flown
	Date	Place	Date	Place	
			<u>Grey Teal</u>		
3181	23/1/55	Yealering Lake	9/3/57	6 mls n.w. of Moora	175 miles
1344	12/2/53	Wardering Lake	28/3/57	Yalka Pool, Meekatharra	450 "
3118	4/12/54	Meckering	4/5/57	Taarblin Lake	100 "
3876	25/3/56	Wardering Lake	27/4/57	do.	45-50 "
4001	11/4/56	Yatheroo Station, Dandaragan	21/5/57	Wannamal	30 "
1653	21/3/53	Big Bootine Swamp, Beermullah	6/4/57	Dam north of Burracoppin	165 "
3033	23/11/54	Lake Mears	about 20/5/57	Taarblin	50 "
3890	25/3/56	Wardering Lake	15/2/57	Shot on Blackwood River, near Duranillin	25 "

In addition to the above, a particularly interesting band was returned by Mr. L.R. Tuckey, of 10 Sutton Street, Mandurah. It was No. 090-01126 which had been placed on a grey teal at Griffith in southern New South Wales, on January 18, 1957, under the Australian Bird Banding Scheme conducted by the Wildlife Survey Section, C.S.I.R.O. When shot at Boggy Bay, Mandurah, by Mr. L.R. Tuckey on April 30, the bird must have flown approximately 1,900 miles, even if it came by a fairly direct route. The interval between banding and recovery, 103 days, was the shortest yet recorded to demonstrate a trans-continental flight by a duck.

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A teal banded at Lara, near Melbourne, in January 1953, was shot at Rowle's Lagoon on January 10, 1954, and another banded under our own scheme at Lake Karrinyup on April 15, 1954, was shot at Menindee, River Darling, New South Wales, on January 2, 1956.

Another very interesting recent recovery was that of a grey teal banded at Wardering Lake (in the Woodanilling District) on February 12, 1953, and shot at Yalka Pool, 53 miles south east of Meekatharra, by Mr. T.J. Carmody. The band had been eroded and one of the numbers was quite invisible. Through the co-operation of the Inspector in Charge of the Police Department's Scientific Bureau (Inspector A.J. Baird), the band was chemically treated and established as 1344. This was the northernmost recovery and the longest recorded flight of a duck within this State.