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ECOLOGICAL SURVEY OF BERNIER AND DORRE ISLANDS

A noteworthy event will soon take place when a survey team, led by the Department's Research Officer, Mr. B.K. Bowen, will land on Bernier and Dorre Islands about the middle of the month. Members of the team in addition to Mr. Bowen are -

> Dr. W.D.L. Ride (who will direct the field survey), Dr. G.F. Mees, Curator of Birds, and Mr. A.M. Douglas, Entomologist, from the Western Australian Museum; Mr. R.D. Royce, Senior Botanist, Department of Agriculture, and Mr. H. Briscoe, Department of Zoology, University of W.A.

This will be the first ecological survey ever carried out at the direction of the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee. It will seek to establish the areas essential to the conservation of the Island fauna and whether they would suffer by the setting up of tourist camps and other facilities, which certain interests have in mind.