

PROHIBITED MIGRANT SHOT!

On October 23, at a spot approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from main wharf at Princess Royal Harbour, Albany, a bird of peculiar appearance was shot in the belief that it was a Ceylon crow. Inspector B. A. Carmichael obtained the body and forwarded it to Head Office for identification. We were subsequently advised by the W.A. Museum that the bird was a Common Myna (Acridotheres tristis) This species is native to India and portions of Asia. In recent years it has spread down Malaya and is now a resident breeder on Singapore. It has been declared "vermin" in this State and its importation prohibited.

An Indian ship, and two other vessels from Asian ports, had called at Albany during October, and it is presumed that the bird escaped from one of them.

INFORMATION ON DEER REQUIRED.

The Director of the W.A. Museum, Dr. Ride, who is currently engaged in preparing a handbook of the mammals of W.A., urgently requires information on the acclimatisation of deer in this State. On various occasions, deer have been reported in the area between Serpentine and Harvey and a herd in the country north-east of Geraldton has also been reported on one occasion. If any inspector has information on their presence or reports of their occurrence, or is able to suggest possible sources of information, would he please notify this office or advise Dr. Ride direct.

BANDING OF SEA BIRDS.

On October 25 the Fauna Warden, Mr. Bowler, accompanied a bird-banding group organised by the W.A. Naturalists Club to the island sanctuaries in Shoalwater Bay. The group was led by Mr. Julian Ford, an Honorary Warden. The other members were Dr. G. F. Mees, of Western Australian Museum, and Mr. G. M. Storr, of the Zoology Department of the University of W.A.

Mr. Bowler reported that numerous nests and eggs were observed and the group proposed to visit the island again in about three weeks time. Sixtysix silver gulls, two caspian terns and one bridled tern were banded.