

- (c) Western Australia expressed concern at the possible spread of exotic aviary birds and instanced the case of the Java sparrow and the potential risk to the rice industry. Conference therefore recommends that each State and Territory and the C.S.I.R.O Wild-life Survey Section examine the exotic aviary bird position with a view to submitting to the conference secretariat lists of those species considered to present a potential threat to primary industry or native fauna, together with a statement as to the specific potential problem, and that this item be included in the next Conference agenda.

The Minister also accepted, in principle, the invitation extended by Tasmania that the ~~next~~ Conference, which incidentally will be known in future as the Australian Fauna Authorities Conference, be held in Hobart. The next meeting of the Australian Waterfowl Committee, on which the Research Officer, Mr. Bowen, is this State's representative, will be held in Sydney.

SEASON CLOSED

All inspectors are reminded that the open seasons for wild duck and marron each closed at midnight on April 30. The season for wild ducks will not re-open until the weekend preceding Christmas, while the marron season will not open until January 1, 1962. The Minister drew the attention of the general public to these closures in a statement recently released to the press and radio. He specifically requested all inspectors, wardens and honorary wardens to join together in policing the close seasons which, he pointed out, were the corner-stones of our conservation programmes.