

mishap Mr Henricksen was asleep on board the vessel but escaped unscathed. An attempt at salvage would be made as soon as the weather permitted.

NOTES ON FAUNA OBSERVATIONS

(a) Wild Turkeys -

Assistant Inspector E.H. Barker reported on April 7 that on his last patrol between Lancelin Island and Snag Island he saw 8 bustards in close proximity to the Jurien Bay airstrip. Two more were seen outside the Cockleshell Gully homestead of Mr W. Gregson, while several other lone birds were sighted during the course of the trip.

(b) Black swans at Point Walter -

The Fleet Maintenance Officer, Mr A.J. Bateman, reported that on the morning of the Head of the River race he sighted two adult black swans and three cygnets adjacent to Point Walter spit. They were still there at midday, he said, despite the heavy traffic. They took little notice of the traffic except to shift from one side of the spit to the other.

(c) Senegal Doves at the Chapman River -

Mr Bateman offered another interesting observation made on a trip to Shark Bay. On March 13 he sighted four or five Senegal doves near the Chapman River crossing between Geraldton and Northampton. It is the most northerly sighting of this species that we have received. This dove appears to be spreading throughout the settled areas of the State. The birds seen by Mr Bateman were possibly the same ones as those observed at the same spot by the Fauna Protection Officer (Mr Shugg) when he accompanied members of the Fishermen's Advisory Committee to Port Gregory on March 5. It was the only group Mr Bateman saw north of Geraldton.

(d) Hoary-headed Grebes at Harvey Estuary -

Fauna Warden S.W. Bowler noted what he described as an unusually large number of hoary-headed grebes at the Harvey Estuary near Island Point between April 20 and 22, 1962. He actually observed two groups of the birds, the first one comprising approximately 311 birds, while the second contained an estimated 73. Both groups kept separate from each other and the individuals in them were closely packed. Mr Bowler added that in the last week of April, smaller rafts of the species were sighted on the Swan and Canning Rivers, but the largest of these contained only an

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estimated 11 birds. Since then other observers have reported larger numbers on the Como foreshore.