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time to the Department of Trade as well as to the former. No adverse report has been received from the Australian Trade Commissioner service in the United States.

FAUNA NOTES

Responding to our request published in the July issue for records of sightings of gannets in southern waters, Fleet Maintenance Officer A.J. Bateman advises that very few of this species have been seen this season. He says that they are a good indicator of surface fish and always precede skipjack occurrences. It is probably more than coincidental, he thinks, that gannets should be scarce when a poor skipjack season, as this has been, is suffered.

Last May we recorded the sighting by Mr Bateman of five Senegal Doves near the Chapman River crossing between Geraldton and Northampton. We are now advised that, on July 24, while on his way to Shark Bay to work on the p.v. "Garbo", Mr Bateman saw a group of this species at least five miles north of that point. Three were on the ground, he said, and one was perched on the telegraph line at a point near the northernmost tomato garden. On the same trip he saw only a few Black Swans and several ducks on the man-made pools at Hamelin.

Fauna Warden N.E. McLaughlan, accompanied by honorary warden D.G. Bathgate positively identified a tammar in forest country near Treosville in the Shire of Harvey during the night of July 15. In different boronia swamps in the same area a maze of tracks and runways were seen and this area will be revisited in the early summer. Forest workers told the wardens that animals sighted in the area in recent years included chudiches or native cats, echidnas, brush-tailed possums, bandicoots (probably quendas) and a numbat.

Further to the note in the previous issue on the observation of a White-breasted Sea Eagle in the metropolitan area, Assistant Inspector L.R. Frizzell recorded that on August 15 he found the nest of this species, containing two eggs, on an island in the Wallabi Group of Houtman Abrolhos.