

fade and must be thrown away. The same flowers left on the plant will continue to give pleasure during their season to many people and later develop seed to increase the display in years to come."

Any officers interested in securing appointment should make application to the Conservator of Forests, Rural and Industries Bank Building, 54 Barrack Street, Perth, who will supply any further information required. It should be noted that Honorary Inspectors under the above Act are empowered -

- (a) to examine any wildflower or native plant in the possession of any person and
- (b) for that purpose to stop and inspect any vehicle and to enter into or upon any place whatsoever or any vessel and to open and inspect any package or receptacle,
- (c) to take possession of any wildflower or native plant which appears to have been unlawfully obtained,
- (d) to demand the name and address of any person in possession of any such flower or plant.

Any person who, when required to do so by an Honorary Inspector under the provisions of the above Act,

- (a) refuses to give his name and address ;
- (b) gives a false name and address ;
- (c) refuses to deliver up any wildflower or native plant, or who delays or obstructs an Honorary Inspector acting under such authority, is guilty of an offence.

#### BARLEE RANGE NATURE RESERVE

An area of over 400 square miles in the North-West Land Division has been set aside as a reserve for the conservation of flora and fauna. It will be vested in the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee.

Of marked scientific interest, the area lies between the Henry River and the Wannery Creek system, both of which are tributaries of the Ashburton River. Exceedingly rough and rugged, it has not so far been

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properly explored. Evidence collected by a survey party set up by the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, and from earlier evidence collected by museum personnel, has established that the area contains relictual groups of flora and fauna, normally restricted to the Kimberleys and the South-West. It is believed to contain both species of Rock Wallaby and a number of other interesting forms. One of these is an indigenous mound building mouse which, as Ellis Troughton has pointed out in his book "Furred Animals of Australia", has the longest tail and the longest name - Leggadina hermannsburgensis - in its group. Amphibian and invertebrate specimens of outstanding zoological interest were also recorded there.

The reserve includes spectacular scenery consisting of wild, spinifex-covered ranges slashed by precipitous-walled gorges, in which deep, ice-cold freshwater pools and tropical vegetation occur. It is anticipated that some of the reserve will be opened up as a national park in the years to come, when communications have been improved. At the present time, however, the only possible way of taking tourists there, would be by helicopter. There is, of course, a complete absence of buildings and other facilities which tourists would need.