

The overall production in 1962 was a record and so too was that of crayfish. It will be seen that the main difference between the 1961 and the 1962 production figures, however, was caused by the larger catch of salmon. The production of this species fluctuates rather widely, and although the 1962 catch was high, it was not a record one. The highest production of salmon was recorded in 1954, when 6,126,277 lb. was taken. Nevertheless 1962 salmon catch was the second highest recorded.

The table on page 184, sets out the total production of fish for the last eleven years. For comparative purposes it includes the catches of the principal species. All figures are given in round live weight.

FAUNA NOTES

Assistant Inspector A.H. Ullrich reported that on May 12, when about an hour and a half out of South Passage, Shark Bay 36 albatrosses were sighted at sea, feeding in an area of about a half-mile square.

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Commenting on the report published in the previous issue of the sighting by Inspector E.I. Forster, of a Sacred Kingfisher in the Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour, the Fleet Maintenance Officer, Mr. A.J. Bateman, said that these birds were commonly seen there in the springtime and also in the summer. He added that they frequently sat on the rocks around the foreshore of South Bay (Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour) and they were also seen between the East Street jetty and the old Castlemaine Brewery jetty - now sometimes called Prince's jetty. Mr. Bateman said, too, that a White-faced Heron or Blue Crane was also an unusual visitor in that vicinity, particularly during periods of low tides.

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Inspector A.V. Green, of Geraldton, reported last month finding a dead possum on the road just out of Northampton. This is the northernmost sighting of one of these animals recorded here for many years.