

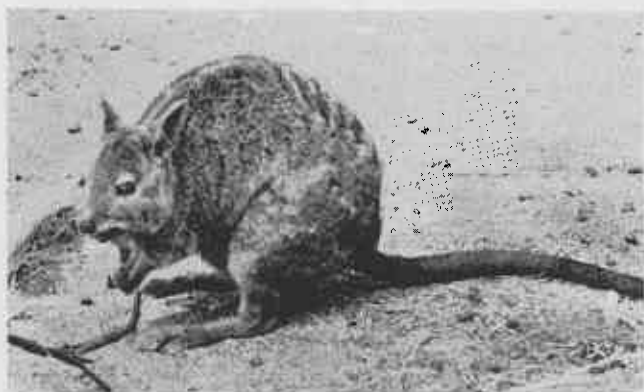
WAS IT A BANDED HARE WALLABY?

Honorary Fauna Warden V. G. Lloyd reported that some friends holidaying at Windy Harbour, near Northcliffe, sighted what they described as a "quokka with light and dark bands on the body and tail". Striking Mr. Lloyd as being rather unusual for a quokka he checked out the identification details which indicated that the animal sighted may have been a banded hare wallaby.

Mr. Lloyd's report was forwarded to Mr. J. L. Bannister, Curator of Mammals at the Western Australian Museum, for his comments. Mr. Bannister said that it may have been a banded hare wallaby as these animals were recorded from several places in the south-west at the turn of the century.

Mr. Bannister also said that the description seemed to fit quite well except that the bands do not show up particularly well in adults and that they are more prominent in juveniles. However, Mr. Bannister remarked that there is no other small Western Australian wallaby with such markings except the brush (which does have very faint bands on the back) and that a brush wallaby would be too big unless, of course, it was a juvenile.

If anyone else has seen this animal we would be very pleased to hear from them.



BANDED HARE WALLABY (*Lagostrophus fasciatus*)