

GALAH TAGGING

Mr. Ian Rowley of the C.S.I.R.O., Division of Wildlife Research, is studying the behaviour and distribution of galahs. 702 have been caught, banded and released. Of these, 200 individuals near Manmanning and 20 in the eastern metropolitan hills area have been marked with harmless coloured plastic tags on each wing. The tags are in six colours (Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Black and White), bear a letter (E, H, M, V or X) and a number (0-9). The object of the metropolitan tagging is to study the spread of the species in the suburbs, and of that at Manmanning to study social relationships and foraging movements.

The colour, letter and number of the tag, the time, date and place of sighting are all of great value to the programme. Mr. Rowley would appreciate reports of any sightings, and all information can be passed to him at C.S.I.R.O., Clayton Road, Helena Valley (Tel. 74 6356).