

# CRESTED PIGEONS EXTENDING THEIR RANGE

Fauna Warden A. R. Marshall reports sighting a pair of Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*) at the Lake Jandakot Reserve.

These birds are found over most of Australia, but in W.A. were once rarely seen further south than the Geraldton and Mullewa districts. However, they now appear to be extending their range; in 1946-7 they made temporary appearances at Kellerberrin and later were recorded as far south as Coorow, Dalwallinu, New Norcia, Pithara and Shackleton. They were recorded in Perth by 1956 and reports have been received of occasional sightings in the Swan-Guildford Shire. However, as far as it is possible to ascertain, Mr Marshall's observation at Jandakot is the most southerly confirmed sighting made to date on the coastal plain.