

DALGYTES NEAR BROOME

Communication in a country as large as Australia is a prized commodity.

When the subject is natural history (more generally known as "wildlife") it is to be treasured and displayed to as many people as possible.

It is with this thought in mind that we report a small but significant sighting and its attribute.

Mr Snow Gibbs of Bayswater was recently touring the North-west of the State. Between Sandfire Flats and Broome, roughly 95 km from Broome, he came across a very strange rabbit like animal. He had seen one before many years ago as a small boy at Lake Grace in the south of the State. It was this which prompted him to clearly view the animal and store the picture of it in his mind.

On calling in at Derby, Mr Gibbs again used his sense of observance and noticed a small poster (attached to the Tourist Bureau's information board) depicting the same animal.

He reported the sighting to Mrs W. A. Laurenson, the Tourist Information Officer at Derby who also saw fit to write to the Department and report the incident.

The Chief Warden of Fauna wrote and thanked Mrs Laurenson for her interest and the reported sighting of the Dalgyte. This diminishing species is also known as a Rabbit-eared Bandicoot or Bilby and, whilst others have been reported over the years in the area, it was good to know that the sightings are continuing.