

# ELEGANT PARROT OBSERVATION

An interesting observation was made by Wildlife Officer Trevor Walley (off duty at the time).

During last winter travelling through Baldivis (East of Medina) he sighted approximately 30 Elegant Parrots, feeding on the ground near the corner of St. Albans and Mundijong Roads.

Until recent years the Elegant Grass Parrot was known only in the South-West corner of the state, north to Moora and east to Merredin and near Esperance. Formerly it was not found in the jarrah forest belt or the Swan coastal plain, but since 1937 the species has been undergoing a cycle of expansion, radially in the South-West and north to the pastoral country.

Unfortunately the general public rarely realizes the significance of recognising and reporting the presence of indigenous bird species, therefore unusual movements and events by common species often go undetected.

Any sightings that may be considered irregular or strange should be passed on to government or private institutions dealing with wildlife, so that complete records can be kept for future reference.