

RESERVES FOR THE SHORT-NECKED TORTOISE

The Government Gazette of September 30, 1966, gave notice that Reserves 27620 and 27621 covering Swan Locations 7715 and 7897 had been vested in the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee. (See map opposite).

The story behind the creation of these two reserves has been well publicised and has received recognition in all parts of the world. A public appeal was set up and this, together with money donated by the Government, enabled the area to be acquired and preserved. The Short-necked tortoise is now able to live in peace, saved by the progressive civilisation which threatened to destroy its existence.

Unlike some creatures - such as dogs, cats, rabbits and so on - which can adapt themselves to varied conditions, the Short-necked tortoise is able to survive only in its present surroundings; the "crabhole" country of Bullsbrook. It is limited to three small swamps.

THYLACINE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA?

It has been widely published by news sources in W.A. that a geologist of the Geological Surveys section of the Mines Department had found the remains of a Thylacine. However, at the time this bulletin is being printed the remains have not been received in Perth and we do not know whether the remains are that of a Thylacine or not.