

MISS LEXIE NICHOLLS

Miss Lexie Nicholls, well known to all those concerned with our wildlife, has submitted her annual report to the Department. She has had a difficult time over the past year in caring for injured and sick birds brought to her bird hospital.

Because of the amount of time she has had to put in and the costs involved she has been compelled to cut down on her activities.

The Department is perturbed that this is necessary and appreciates that the work being done by Miss Nicholls is invaluable.

During the year she treated 646 birds, representing 67 species - a formidable list considering the difficulties under which she works.

Currently she has over 200 birds receiving care. During 1966 she was able to release over 300 birds after they had recovered their strength. One hundred and thirty birds died because of the severity of their illness or injuries.

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Mr. G.A. Kennedy, a Perth solicitor, has been nominated as a correspondent to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. Mr. Kennedy, a former Rhodes Scholar, was instrumental in the preparation of the report of the Western Australian sub-committee of the Australian Academy of Science in relation to National Parks and Reserves in Western Australia. The Director (Mr. Fraser) served as a member of that committee.

BUSTARDS

A representative of a party of shooters approached a northern wheatbelt farmer recently for permission to shoot game on his land.

The farmer was quite amicable and asked what they were after.

"Ducks and turkeys", was the reply.

"In that case," said the farmer, "you had better watch out for the local Honorary Fauna Warden - he is a bit of a 'bustard' himself."

The shooter expressed his thanks for the timely warning and enquired who the Warden was.

"I am," said the farmer.