

TOURISM AND THE NOISY SCRUB BIRD

Since 1966 when an area of approximately 11,000 acres was set aside at Two People Bay for conservation of the Noisy Scrub Bird, there has been an upsurge of tourist interest in the area.

The Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, in which the reserve is vested, has been confronted with many problems in its control. Because of the popularity of the area the committee has found it necessary, in the interest of the Noisy Scrub Bird, to declare that :

- * The squatters' buildings erected without authority on the reserve be either removed or handed over to the Committee.
- * The entry of vehicles into the area used by the Noisy Scrub Bird be prohibited due to erosion and other problems already being encountered on the reserve.
- * The public will not be kept out of the reserve provided that the research facilities and the Noisy Scrub-bird and other fauna are not interfered with.
- * All excursions are to be made on foot.

Long term research work is being undertaken on the reserve to establish a definite management plan. However, it is already obvious that certain fire control measures must be taken and camping has been prohibited within the reserve.

Despite the apparent conflict between conservation and tourism, the Department favours in principle the development of part of the area as a tourist site. The establishment of a scientific research station with tourist facilities and a permanent ranger would all play their part in the eventual development of the reserve.

For the present, however, the use of the reserve must be limited in order to ensure the eventual conservation of the Noisy Scrub-bird for public enjoyment.

LAKE WALYORMOURING VESTED IN FAUNA
PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Governor in Executive Council has vested the Lake Walyormouring A class Reserve 17186 in the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee.

Lake Walyormouring, which is also known as Oak Park, is situated approximately 10 miles north-east of Goomalling. Covering an area of about 720 acres, it is a favourite duck shooting spot during the open season.