

ANOTHER MARSUPIAL REFOUND

The dibbler or western marsupial mouse Antechinus apicalis is listed in Harper's Extinct and Vanishing Mammals of the Old World (1945) and does not seem to have been collected for more than 30 years and is probably extinct. It was rediscovered in January by M. K. Morecombe, a well known wildlife photographer of Western Australia, and is said to be not uncommon in the coastal area, east of Albany, where it was refound. The W.A. Department of Fisheries and Fauna is arranging for a temporary reserve to protect its habitat, and for a survey to establish its full range so that a permanent reserve can be set aside.