

A HELPFUL HINT ON CARCASS IDENTIFICATION

If you wish to have a positive identification - and reports are useless without an accurate identification - of a carcass you may discover, then you should remove the head, seal it in an appropriate container, and together with your report send it to the Museum. Dr. Ride, the Director of the Museum, is quite appreciative that the handling of foetid material is unpleasant but it is the only way to achieve positive identification.

ONE FOR THE BIRDS

Recently a report reached this office claiming that inebriated crows were common in the Donnybrook area. It was claimed that crows are sipping crude cider oozing from apple dumps. Several crows observed at one dump were very slow and drowsy. One had to rest in the fork of a tree as it could not stand on its own.

CRESTED GREBES

The Supervising Inspector, Mr. J.E. Bramley, reported that on October 25, he saw a number of Crested Grebes on the lake crossed by the Mullaloo Road. Mr. Bramley said that he had counted twelve of these birds, but was sure that there were more than twelve on the lake.

As these beautiful waterbirds are uncommon, if not actually rare, this important sighting is of special interest.

WHEN MAY ABORIGINES NOT TAKE FAUNA FOR FOOD

Recently an alleged destruction of rock wallabies came to the notice of the Department. It was intimated that the illegal shooting was the work of natives.

Under Section 23 of the Fauna Protection Act, natives may take protected fauna sufficient only for food for themselves and their families and not for sale. This does not apply :-

- a). upon any area which is a sanctuary within the meaning of the Fauna Protection Act, of
- b). on private land, where the owner has not given his consent.