

Finally, we need to form wildlife clubs in which we can teach each other about our fauna of which so many of us know so little. The Busselton Wildlife Club is, I believe, the only one outside the metropolitan area. This is not good enough. Every region must have its club. In conservation as in other things, Governments and public servants can do little without the active and informed assistance and co-operation of the man on the land".

#### WATERFOWL OBSERVATION AT LAKE MONGER

Acting Senior Warden, Mr. A.R. Marshall, inspected the northern and western shores of Lake Monger during the later half of January. Large numbers of Black Ducks and several Grey Teals were sighted, together with some seventy or more Black Swans, numerous Coots, several Musk Ducks, seven Pelicans, a pair of Crested Grebes and one Little Grebe. Feeding along the northern bank of the lake was a pair of Eastern Curlew. Mr. Marshall found this a most interesting observation as he had not sighted this species in this area previously.

The Eastern Curlew (Numenius madagascariensis) is a summer migrant from the northern hemisphere, occurring singly or in pairs on estuarine flats and salt marshes according to Serventy and Whittell's handbook. It is not very common and is never seen locally in the large flocks which are known in parts of the Eastern States, where sometimes a thousand individuals may be feeding together over a mud flat.