

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.

FAUNA WARDEN DEAR REPORTS ON PATROL MADE TO BURRENBAH POOL

During the last week of November 1967, the Department's Warden stationed at Wittenoom made a patrol to Burrenbah Pool which is situated on the Savory Creek just east of Mundiwindi. Water seemed to be present in pools over a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The district has been suffering from very dry conditions and this was reflected in the very low water level. Approximately a hundred and fifty wild ducks were observed and these seemed to be very frightened and hard to approach. They appeared to be mainly Black Duck and some Grey Teal. The area is known to be a favourite shooting place for surrounding stations and other seasonal employees.

Whilst in the area Mr. Dear also made a patrol by vehicle and by foot of Sylvania Station. Observations made during this visit included 14 Bustards either singly or in pairs. These birds did not seem to have been molested as they were very quiet and easy to approach.

Birdlife in this area was not numerous, as the seasons have been dry for the last two years and food for them is not readily available.

Kangaroos were very numerous. Mr. Dear made comment that a number of them appeared to be affected by some type of paralysis. Those affected moved off reluctantly with the head held to one side as though the neck were stiff. They also appeared to be off balance. It seems to take a few days before they die, but in the last stage they either lie on the water or scratch a hole by a water trough and drown as they lose their balance and cannot stand.