

SACRED KINGFISHER AT SHARK BAY

On Saturday, February 3, Mr. R. Smith observed a Sacred Kingfisher in the garden of his residence. The same bird was noticed on one previous occasion. Although not frequently reported upon, the Sacred Kingfisher occurs all over the State, except in the far inland portion. Serventy and Whittell in their handbook "Birds of Western Australia" record that some of these birds migrate to Timor and adjoining islands of Indonesia. During migration (October) nesting birds have been seen at Browse Island and Ashmore Reef, in the Timor Sea.

During a visit made to Carnarvon in the first week of February, Mr. Smith saw six black swans at Carnarvon and six sperm whales about one mile off Point Quobba.