

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR FAUNA

A report submitted by Mr. Rob Breeden of Busselton, as required under the terms of his Fauna License contained considerable detail of his activities and shows just how much care and assistance he has been able to give to fauna in his district. An extract of his report is printed below.

"No fauna was shot or killed for scientific study. Several species of animals were caught alive (mainly possums) and liberated elsewhere, as they were causing a nuisance to householders.

Including all species of birds, reptiles and animals, either caught personally, or brought in by bulldozer operators and others, the fauna disposed of was as follows.

1. Childrens python sent to the Zoo
2. Four tiger snakes, 3 dugites, 2 whip snakes and several worm snakes sent to the museum.
3. Two legless lizards and other types of lizards were sent to the museum.
4. A number of ringtail and grey possums which were trapped in and around houses by myself and others were released locally.
5. Eight pigny possums were caught, 5 released and 3 sent to the Museum.
6. Two dead honey possums sent to the Museum.
7. Four dunnarts were sent to the museum.
8. A number of dead Wambengers, caught by farmers cats etc, were sent to the Museum.
9. A large number of dead quendas killed by motor vehicles were brought in by motorists. Several live ones were released and a few babies obtained from dead females were hand fed.
10. A quokka was sent to the museum.
11. A dead water rat was sent to the museum and a live one released.
12. A number of Native Cats run down by vehicles were brought in.
13. A large number of sick or injured birds, including swans, stilts, owls, owlet nightjars, native hens, sea birds etc were brought in and cared for until recovered."

There are a number of people in Western Australia who have a deep and genuine interest in our fauna. They render very valuable assistance to the State and the receipt of reports of this nature is very refreshing.