

WITTENOOM FAUNA REPORT

Warden Dear has reported in his diary on the 28th January last, he observed 28 Maned Geese on the Hooley River via Wittenoorn.

Also reported on the same date 18 Bustards, on the Fortescue River Flats.

A White-eyed Duck was found by a Miss Ugallini, of Wittenoorn, on the 26th January, and was later released by Warden Dear.

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DESTRUCTION OF MAGPIES

Until further notice all wardens are advised NOT to destroy or otherwise "take" magpies or other protected fauna unless they are in possession of a current license which authorizes them to do so.

The Crown Law Department has given an opinion that the Fauna Conservation Act and Regulations do not appear to authorize the past practice of wardens destroying magpies attacking young children.

Until the legal position is amended, therefore, all wardens are hereby relieved of any responsibility for protecting the public from attack by protected fauna.

Inquirers must be advised that magpies are protected and that no one is authorized to destroy them.

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