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DO YOU KNOW OF AN OLD BOODIE WARREN?



▲ *Boodies once occurred over a large area of Australia but survived only on 4 islands off the WA coast (see map). The last known active warren in the south-west of WA was at Pingelly and is shown in the pic above, taken on a WA Museum expedition in 1942. The distinctive shape of the warren and its multiple entrances, are clearly visible. By this time, rabbits were also sharing this site.*



Does anyone else know of an old boodie warren? Or do any older members of the family have stories about them? Have you any historic photos? Or could you take a photo of the site now? We'd love to hear from you!



▲ *Gil Gardner rode past this site every day on the way to school in the mid 1920s, and remembers both boodies and dalgytes (or bilbies, *Macrotis lagotis*) using the same warren system. It is on a granite ridge that was, at that time, part of an extensive tract of wandoo, York gum and salmon gum woodland east of Pingelly. Note that despite clearing, part of the distinctive saucer shape remains, and that rabbits are still using the accommodation. Thanks Gil!*