

## News and Notes

### BIRD BANDING

The following are extracts from a press notice of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne:

"This year special attention is being given to Silver Gulls and Crested Terns.

"During November last [1955] officers of C.S.I.R.O.'s Wildlife Survey Section banded 4,000 Silver Gulls and 16,000 Crested Terns on the Five Islands off Port Kembla and on Montagu Island off Narooma.

"These birds carry a shiny aluminium band on the leg bearing the inscription—'Write Wildlife CSIRO Canberra Australia' and a serial number.

"Gulls and Terns are also being banded along the Victorian coast and on Rottnest Island in Western Australia.

"If you find a band on a dead bird return it to the Wildlife Survey Section, Canberra, with details of the time and place of finding. If a banded bird is captured alive, do not remove the band but send details of band, bird, and circumstances to the Wildlife Survey Section, C.S.I.R.O., P.O. Box 109, Canberra City, A.C.T.

"Holiday-makers have already sent in details of five Silver Gulls and two Crested Terns found on eastern beaches.

"You are asked to turn over any birds washed up by the sea and look for bands. Most bands are never recovered and this means that the few that are found are of greatest value to the scientist."

### MATERIAL ON HAND

Many contributions have necessarily been held over on account of pressure on space. It is intended to publish part 2 of volume 56 shortly (to absorb material already set in type) and to issue an additional part (part 3) devoted principally to a paper by Mr. Angus Robinson entitled 'The Annual Cycle of the Magpie, *Gymnorhina dorsalis*, in South-eastern Western Australia'. A substantial contribution to the cost of publishing this paper has been made by the Trustees of the M. A. Ingram Trust.

### HONORARY OFFICERS

The Union is at present without an Hon. Treasurer, although Mr. Howard Jarman is continuing to act in that capacity. Mr. Gordon Binns, the Hon. General Secretary, is compelled to relinquish that position consequent upon promotion and transfer to a country district. The Union is in need of honorary officers to fill these positions and persons willing to assist are asked to communicate immediately with the President.

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