

recently been observed close to the South Australian-Western Australian border (V. N. Serventy, *W.A. Nat.*, 6: 152).

On January 11 and 12, 1959, I saw an individual at the Harding River, near Roebourne, in the north-west of Western Australia. A field description made at the time is as follows: "head, pale brown; breast and sides of neck, yellowish brown; upper parts, greyish; flanks and abdomen, blackish; wing primaries, black; under wing, mostly black; rump, white; tail, tipped black; beak, orange-yellow, tipped black; legs, long and trailed slightly in flight; call note, a double whistling *wee-woo*." Although this description differs somewhat from those given in texts, the identity of the bird was positive because allowance must be made for field conditions under which dark colours, such as deep chestnut, which is the actual colour of the flanks, appear to be black. I was not equipped to collect a specimen.

The Pratincole was observed near a freshwater pool in the Harding River, and made no attempt to associate with other waders such as the Red-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, etc., which were fairly numerous. This dissociation from other waders appears to be typical of the species and has previously been noted by J. Liddy in North-west Queensland (*The Emu*, 59: 140).

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The Distribution of the Jewel Beetle, *Stigmodera (Castiarina) magnetica* Cart.—Following the article by Barker *et al.* (*W.A. Nat.*, 5, 1956: 143) extending the known range of the jewel beetle *Stigmodera magnetica* from the type locality, additional data have been gathered by the authors, considerably extending the recorded distribution of the species. The beetle is now known to occur between Bunbury in the south and Horrock's Beach (Northampton) in the north. It has also been found on Rottnest and Lancelin Islands (island specimens were collected by G. M. Storr). The following list gives new locality records.

Horrock's Beach	South Fremantle
Geraldton	Naval Base
Dongara	Kwinana
Lancelin Island	Point Peron
Lancelin	Waikiki
Mouth of the Moore River	South Mandurah Peninsula
Sorrento	South Bunbury
Rottnest Island	

At all localities the beetles have been collected on *Myoporum insulare* R.Br. when the bushes were in flower. The authors have also examined this shrub at Cheyne Beach, the mouth of the Margaret River, Garden Island, North, East and West Wallabi Islands (Abrolhos group) and at False Entrance (Shark Bay). No specimens of the beetle were taken from these localities, but the bushes were not in full flower at the time of examination.

The biology of the beetle is being investigated.

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