

## IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION ON RARE FAUNA

The attention of readers is drawn to an important announcement in the current issue of *Wildlife Service* (Vol. 1, No. 10), which is published by the Fauna Protection Panel of New South Wales. The announcement refers to Rare Fauna and says:—"This is an up-to-date list of Rare Fauna proclaimed under Section 20 of the Fauna Protection Act. The Fauna Protection Panel considers that special efforts should be made to conserve the birds and mammals which are shown on the list."

The list of birds contains 31 species. It will be recalled that a comparable list for South Australia, which was forwarded to the Hon. Minister for Agriculture by this Association in March, 1960, contained 25 species (see *S. Austr. Orn.*, vol. 23, pp. 35-6, for list and relevant correspondence).

For convenience of readers, the New South Wales list quoted below is divided into two parts, (a) those species which occur also in South Australia; (b) all others.

(a) Plain Wanderer (*Pedionomus torquatus*); Bourke Parrot (*Neophema bourkii*); Elegant Parrot (*N. elegans*); Scarlet-chested Parrot (*N. splendida*); Blue-winged Parrot (*N. chrysostoma*); Orange-bellied Parrot (*N. chrysogaster*); Australian Dotterel (*Peltodytes australis*); Painted Snipe (*Rostratula benghalensis*); Pied Goose (*Anseranas semipalmata*); Brolga (*Grus rubicundus*); Spotted Bower-bird (*Chlamydera maculata*); Flock-Pigeon (*Histriophaps histrionica*); Mallee Fowl (*Leipoa ocellata*); Swamp Parrot (*Pezoporus wallicus*); Bustard (*Eupodotis australis*).

(b) Red-crowned Pigeon (*Ptilinopus regina*); Gould Petrel (*Pterodroma leucoptera*); Turquoise Parrot (*Neophema pulchella*); Jabiru

(*Xenorhynchus asiaticus*); Topknot Pigeon (*Lopholaimus antarcticus*); Wonga Pigeon (*Leucosarcia melanoleuca*); Plum-headed Finch (*Aidemosyne modesta*); Squatter Pigeon (*Phaps scripta*); Paradise Rifle-bird (*Ptiloris paradiseus*); Superb Lyrebird (*Menura novaehollandiae*); Prince Albert Lyrebird (*Menura alberti*); Brush Turkey (*Alectura lathami*); Wompoo Pigeon (*Megaloprepia magnifica*); Purple-crowned Pigeon (*Ptilinopus regina*); White-headed Pigeon (*Columba norfolciensis*); Paradise Parrot (*Psephotus pulcherrimus*).

The list also includes two species of monotonemes and sixteen marsupials, and concludes with the footnote, "Heavy penalties are provided for interference with Rare Fauna. Please circulate this information as widely as possible." We are pleased to accede to Mr. Strom's request!—H. T. Condon.