

"While at Hawkesbury Agricultural College a year or two later I told one of the men who worked in the orchard about this - a chap named Joe Pye from Windsor - and he laughed and said just watch.

"At the time the Peewees were making their way back from the river late in the afternoon. They were flying fairly high in long straggling mobs. Joe just did the hawk whistle which many birds do - including the Soldier bird - and every damn Peewee dropped like a shot duck nearly to ground level, and took refuge in the nearest bush or tree. I have done it with many birds since but now that I have man made teeth I am not so good at the whistle, but can still bring birds hurtling down with it.

"Maybe they would like to try the boomerang throwing, I can recommend it and also the whistle will save even that if some are not so active with their throwing now.

"It is quite easy to become fairly proficient at boomerang throwing and saves a lot of hunting for missiles."

Caspian Tern Colony.

The following extract from a letter from Dr. Ron Todd of Broken Hill, dated November, 1963, may also be of general interest:

"I notice in 'Cayley' Caspian Terns do not nest in colonies and wondered how accurate this statement is. On a very small island in one of our lakes there is a colony of 50 breeding alongside a larger colony of Silver Gulls. The two species keep to their own territories however. The island would only be about 30 feet in diameter. Another peculiarity is that this particular lake has been set aside for power boats and the birds are not deterred by boats roaring past nor by the frequent visits of various members of the speed boat club. There are many quieter areas in the lakes where they could breed."

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The Pacific Ocean Biological Survey Programme.

Sir,

The Pacific Ocean Biological Survey Programme, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution, has within the last year instituted a large-scale seabird banding project in the central Pacific Ocean area. The primary area of inter-