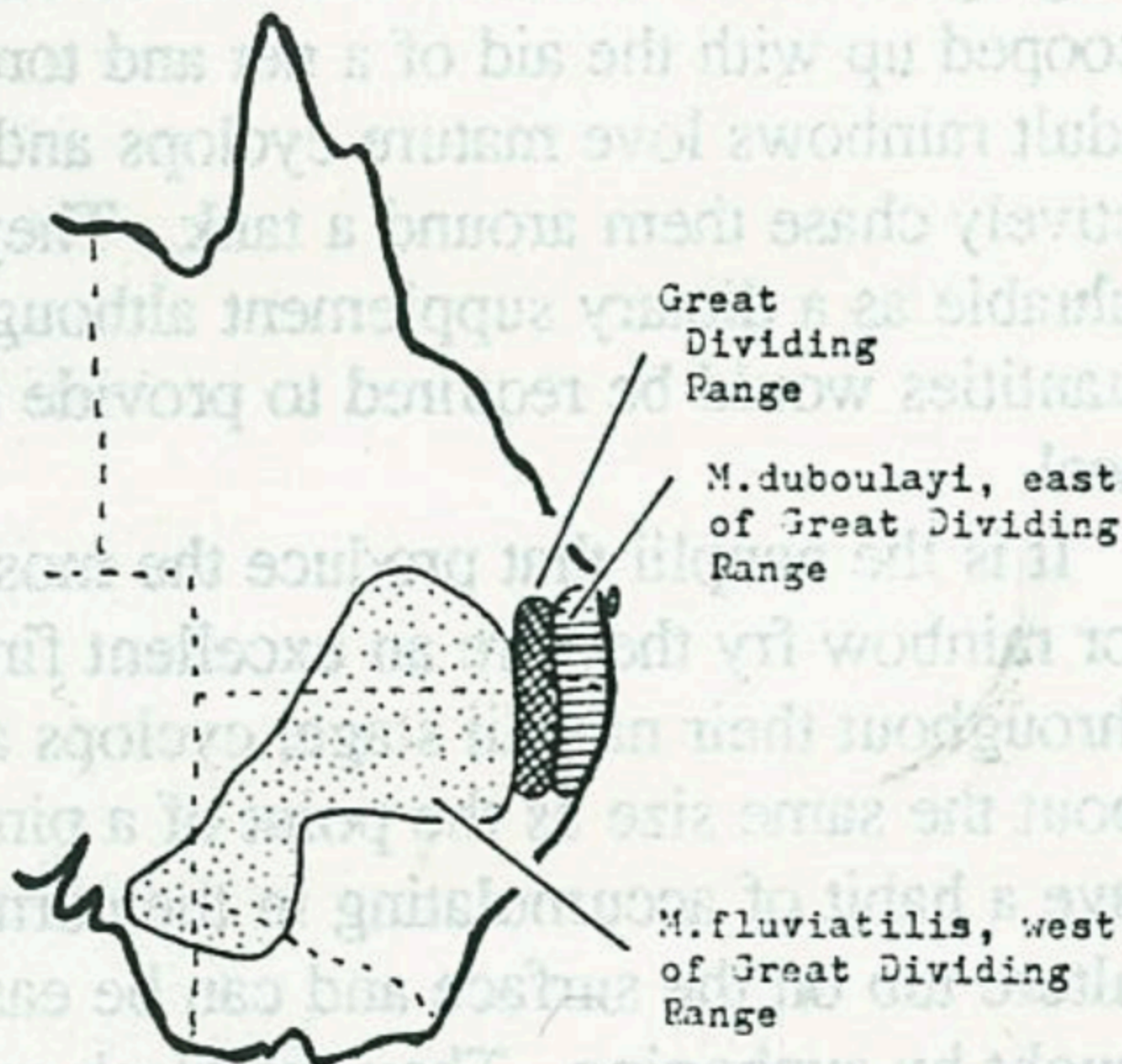


Melanotaenia fluviatilis (a new species, not to be confused with the old subspecies *M.splendida fluviatilis*).

The division is based principally on differences in the eggs and larvae of the fish. Differences between adults are minor and involve ratios of the fishes dimensions.



For further details, members might like to consult the scientific paper which has been included in the club library: Crowley L.E., Ivantsoff W., Allen G.R., 'Taxonomic position of two Crimson-spotted Rainbow fish, *Melanotaenia duboulayi* and *Melanotaenia fluviatilis* (Pisces Melanotaeniidae) from Eastern Australia with special reference to their Early Life-history Stages', Australian Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research, 37: 385-389, 1986.

- Jon Marshall

BOOKS

A Field Guide to Inland Fishes of Western Australia, Allen G.R., published by W.A. Museum, 1982, 86 pages.

What a useful little book - no pretensions and

packed with information in quite abbreviated form. The author has chosen the term inland rather than freshwater because many of the streams in W.A. have appreciable salinity for various reasons.

Fishes are covered in two geographical sections - southwest and northern, and then by families. Habitat colour plates are quite good and the smallish colour and black and white photos are sufficient for a field guide. Having to continually turn to the illustrations, which are in blocks of several pages, and nowhere near the corresponding text, can be tiresome, but a book of this nature must compromise in some areas.

For anyone interested in native fish and especially if you intend collecting or just looking in W.A. this is a worthwhile acquisition.

- Bruce Hansen

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA

Simple Collecting Net

If you need an easy to transport, easy to use one man collecting net, please read on.

All you need is 2 metres of cheap kitchen curtain material and 2 x 1 1/2 metre wooden rods.

These measurements are only approximate. They just suit me.

Fold over and sew the ends to fit the 2 wooden rods.

Your net is finished.

Use it like pushing a motor mower. I have been using this method for some time now and find it most efficient.

- Theo Kleiberg