

Schoeman. The photographs are particularly helpful in aiding identification.

END REMARKS

Chemical agents can often have a deleterious effect on the environment. This effect should be limited at all costs. This can be done by spraying only when it is essential and only at the dilutions indicated on the container. It is selfevident that only insecticides specifically recommended for the problem should be used. Drift can also be prevented by spraying only on windless days, preferably early in the morning or in the evening. It is recommended that agents with a short afterlife be selected rather than one that is active for long periods and also one that is relatively harmless to other forms of wildlife. And in a dry country like South Africa it is important not to pollute our water with poisons.

The lesson of the tale is not to shoot with a second hand catapult when a marksman's rifle is called for, but on the other hand not to send in a tank when a pellet gun could do the work.

Remember, poisons are dangerous – for man and his surroundings!

