



NEW HOME . . . Six zebras released at Groote Schuur Estate yesterday are part of the Quagga Breeding Project and the "closest thing" to the quagga, which became extinct more than 100 years ago.

Picture by REINHOLD RAU

Return of the 'quagga'

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MOTORISTS passing Groote Schuur Estate on De Waal Drive can now see grazing there the closest thing to a quagga since it became extinct in 1883.

Head of the Quagga Breeding Project, Mr Reinold Rau said six zebras released at Groote Schuur yesterday were "half-way" between the quagga and the average African plains zebra.

"By selective breeding of plains zebras we hope to have eventually a population that in external appearance, and possibly genetically too, will be identical to the extinct quagga," he said.

The animals were bred at Vrolijkheid nature reserve near Robertson.