

BIRD LIFE IN KAIMANAWA RANGES.—I go deerstalking in the Kaimanawa Ranges, south of Lake Taupo, and during a recent visit there I saw the following birds: Kiwi (two nests with eggs), rifleman, robin, pied fantail, bush hawk (all plentiful); pigeon (quite a number), kaka (few), morepork, silver-eye and among introduced birds, the magpie (one seen at an altitude of 4,000ft.); Californian quail, pheasant, and black-bird (the latter bird very plentiful). Kiwi tracks were seen at 4,000ft., but no nests were higher than 2000ft. The birds were heard calling at night. Traces of rats were seen at 3,000ft., and several stoats were seen in the bush.—Magnus Johnson, Auckland.

Two white swans (*Cygnus olor*) were killed recently by a Wallingford farmer, who was fined £2 10s. on June 19, in the Waipukurau Magistrate's Court. He said the swans had become a nuisance to ducks and cygnets on his dam.

An interesting discovery, three imprints of a moa's foot or claw, was made recently near the mouth of the Waiwakaiho Stream, Fitzroy, New Plymouth, by Mr. Joseph Iorns. After a flood and a spring tide, which washed off sand and timber from a shelf of brown swamp sludge and sand formation, three good footprints were laid bare, all the same size, twelve inches by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, in a line, about six feet apart. The ground was too soft to allow the footprints to be cut out, so Mr. Iorns mixed some fine concrete and filled in the imprints. The next tide covered them again, and more recently one of the footprints was exposed once more and was cut out by Mr. Iorns. He presented it to the museum at New Plymouth. The concrete saved the imprint from scouring out, and it is the intention of the museum people to lift it out to show the original impression.

A full grown kiwi (presumably *Apteryx mantelli*) was discovered by a Matamata farmer on June 19, in a haystack on his property, which is three miles from the Kaimai Ranges. Residents of the locality state that the kiwi is increasing in numbers in that area.

The silver-eye was very plentiful on Great Barrier Island in the summer of 1944-45, reports Mr. Magnus Johnson, of Auckland.

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