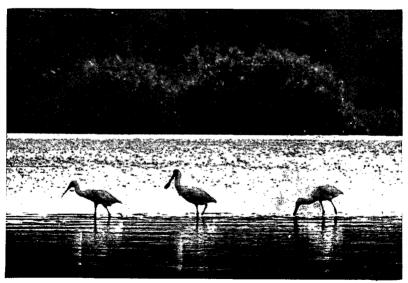


V (a) — Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (Kakatoe galerita) near Hunterville, where there are said to be 'hundreds' in the back-country. Another flourishing pocket of these big, raucous cockatoos exists between Raglan and the Waikato estuary.

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V (b) — A trio of Royal Spoonbills (P. regia) in early May at the Ruakaka estuary, Northland; probably part of the annual dispersal from Okarito, where about a dozen pairs now breed; or possibly, stragglers from Australia.