

White-faced Herons or in trees beside or overhanging a lake, lagoon or pond. The Pokeno bird in January and February 1978 roosted in macrocarpas near a small pool. The Lakeside birds were said to fly 2-3 km to a large area of willows on very wet ground beside Lake Ellesmere. The South Taranaki birds roosted in the end-most of a line of macrocarpas, the tree which overhung the water in winter; in April 1978, with the lake largely dry, they were roosting on fence posts in the water. Aka Aka birds were said to roost generally in macrocarpas and also to fly by day to a sandy bay on the Waikato River to bathe. Rangiriri birds were said to fly westward to roost, across the Waikato River to where there are many small lakes as well as the margins of the river itself.

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## SHORT NOTE

### WADERS AT SEA

The following records were made on voyages between Auckland and Suva during October 1977.

4/10/77 1600 hours Position 21°55'S 177°28'E.

One Knot (*C. canutus*) flew around the ship for about five minutes and then flew off to the westward.

22/10/77 1100 hours Position 27°27'S 176°38'E.

One Turnstone (*A. interpres*) tried to land on board for about twenty minutes, but the combination of the ship's movement and the wind prevented this. Direction of departure was not seen.

22/10/77 1600 hours Position 26°21'S 176°47'E.

One Golden Plover (*P. dominica*) flew around the ship three times and then flew away to the southward.

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