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HUDSONIAN GODWIT AT RUAKAKA.—On 12/12/51, Messrs. R. N. Buttle, S. C. Rutherford, V. M. Rutherford, T. J. Short and I were fortunate in finding a Hudsonian godwit (*Limosa l. haemastica*) at Ruakaka, and in being able to watch it at leisure. A solitary godwit which was intently feeding within a chain of the footbridge which crosses the Ruakaka Stream to the A.A. camp, was noticed to have a black tail and when it raised a wing, a white rump. Fearless to the point of absurdity as I walked it up, it ran about ten yards ahead and, to make it fly in order that its diagnostic pattern (v. N.Z.B.N. 3, 199) might be seen by my companions who were watching from the bridge, I was forced to hustle it. Even then it alighted almost immediately. On the two occasions when I put it up, it uttered a sharp but not far-carrying double-note "kit-keet," quite distinct from the noisier and more tuneful "kew-kew" of the common N.Z. godwit (*L. lapponica baueri*). I was glad to hear this call as I have not been able to record any note from the four Hudsonian godwits which I have seen before, all of which have been in flocks of other waders. Before we left, a fairy tern (*S. nereis*) flew up the estuary and hovered not far from the Hudsonian godwit, so that these two rare N.Z. birds could be seen at once. We revisited the estuary on 20/12/51 and the tide being at the same low level, found presumably the same two rare birds again feeding within a few yards of one another. It is to be hoped that the Hudsonian godwit did not suffer for its fearless or foolish indifference to man, as the estuary becomes a bedlam of campers over Christmas. This is not the first record of the Hudsonian godwit for the east coast of Northland. Messrs. C. A. Fleming and S. D. Potter and I saw one at Mangawai, 16 miles to the south, on 24/11/40. (*Emu* 43, 136).—R. B. Sibson, Auckland.