

PLATE XIII: ROYAL SPOONBILL

A few pairs of Royal Spoonbills nest at Okarito and a dozen or so birds now winter regularly in the Manawatu estuary; but the unusual number of reports from northern New Zealand in 1957 suggests a further minor invasion from Australia.

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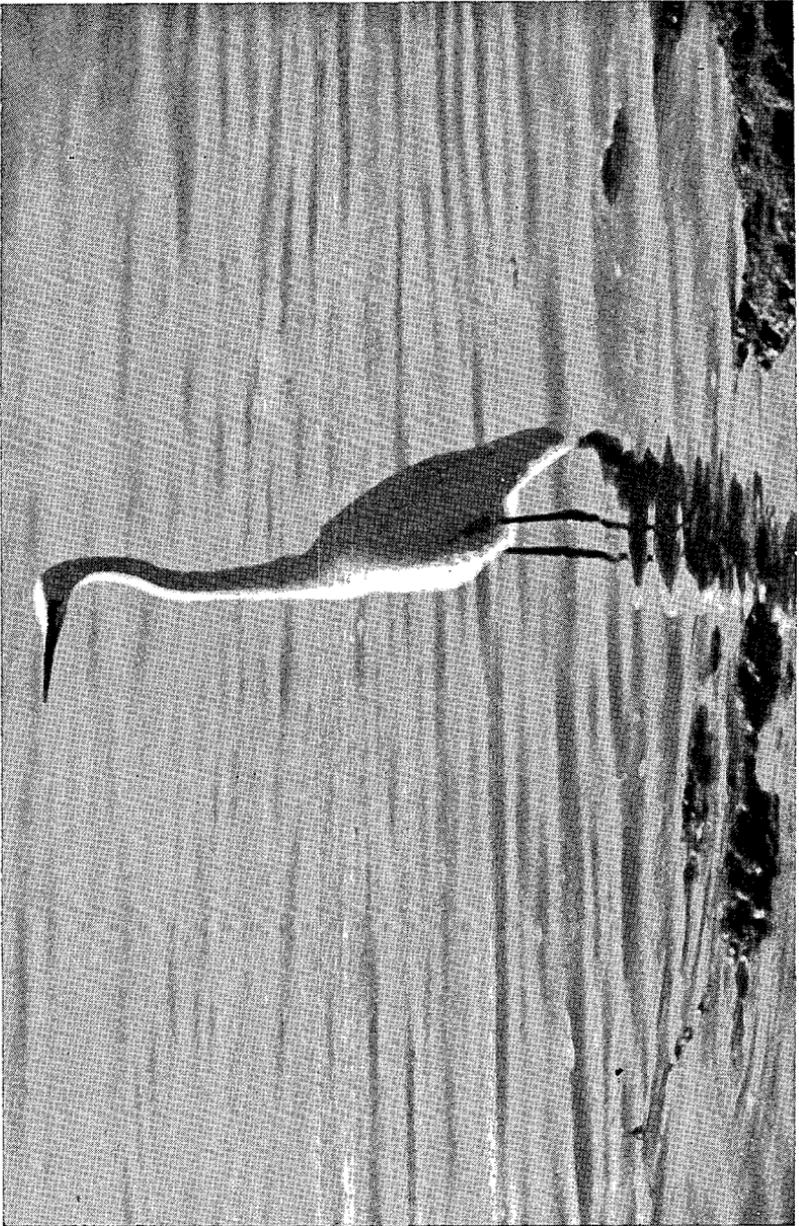


PLATE XIV: GREAT WHITE HERON (KOTUKU)

Unprecedented numbers of Great White Herons were reported during the winter of 1957; and in some coastal areas enough have remained throughout the summer to justify talking of 'flocks of non-breeders'. In this picture the typical kink in the neck is well shown.



PLATE XV: WHITE-FACED HERON

The recent remarkable spread of the White-faced Heron throughout New Zealand has been noted in Notornis. It is now the commonest heron in the country.



PLATE XVI: ROYAL SPOONBILL

The Royal Spoonbill shown in these photographs frequented Matakana Sandspit, near Warkworth, from May to September 1957. Pied Stilts were its constant companions.