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SHORT NOTE

TRANS TASMAN CATTLE EGRETS

Recently I was told that shortly after leaving Sydney on 1 March 1980 seven large white birds were noticed following *Union Hobart*. They stayed with the vessel, intermittently landing on board, until 4 March when a few miles off Farewell Spit. From descriptions and photographs taken at the time the birds are identifiable as Cattle Egrets (*Bubulcus ibis*).

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