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## SHORT NOTE

### ANOTHER NANKEEN NIGHT HERON

The photograph of the juvenile Nankeen Night Heron at Owaka (*Notornis* 28: 218) was responsible for the identification of a previous specimen, observed some years ago but not recognised at the time. The notes of this sighting have been languishing in my files since August 1973 when it was reported by Mr J. A. McCluggage of Pohokura, Taranaki.

Mr McCluggage's description of the bird, seen on his farm, and which remained in the area for some months, tallies with all features of a juvenile Night Heron. Mr McCluggage, who now lives in Thames, has confirmed the identification from the *Notornis* photograph.

It also seems appropriate at this time to document a further apparently unrecorded adult specimen of the Night Heron, which is now in the Taranaki Museum. Unfortunately the only data recorded is that the bird was "shot near Cape Egmont" by Newton King. As a permanent pakeha settlement did not begin in the area until 1881 the specimen is likely to have been taken some time between then and 1927 when King died.

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