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## SHORT NOTES

## WHITE-FACED HERONS ON CHATHAM ISLAND

On 9 January 1978, while in the south-west of Chatham Island with David Crockett's successful 'Taiko' Expedition, my husband and I were traversing the coast from just north of the Little Awatotara Creek to north of the Durham Point area. While high on a bluff, we saw a White-faced Heron (*Ardea novaehollandiae*) fly out from a ledge below us, and we saw a nest.

The nest, some 10 m above sea-level, was in a small cleft. It contained a few pieces of driftwood and seaweed, and two sky-blue eggs. The rock face below was white with droppings.

On 21 January we revisited the site and flushed the bird — two eggs; and twice on the 29th — one chick and one egg. As we then had to leave the island no further observations were possible.

Could it be that this site was chosen because of the complete lack of trees more than 3 m high within a 1500 m radius?

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## AN INTERESTING BAND RECOVERY

On 21 April 1978, I found a juvenile New Zealand Black-browed Mollmawk (*Diomedea melanophris impavida*) carrying a New Zealand band No. 22519, about 3 km north of Himitangi, on the Wellington west coast. The bird, which had probably died within 24 hours, had been banded by the Campbell Island meteorological party only seven days earlier, in its nest on Bull Rock, Campbell Island — 1470 km away.

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