

third week in November. It incubates for about four weeks. When the young appear, so strongly is the parental instinct developed in the old bird that it assumes a courage foreign to its nature at other seasons, and it has been known to suffer itself to be taken on the nest rather than desert its helpless offspring. . . .

"For a long period the West Coast must have been the headquarters of the Heron. The last survivor of the Lake Heron family," says Mr. Potts, "remained about the Gorge of the Ashburton, roosting often on the roof of a hut on the Clint Hills station till a sporting new chum made him into a specimen."



THE WHITE HERON OR KOTUKU.

