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**White-faced Heron** (Matuku moana) *Egretta novaehollandiae novaehollandiae* (Latham 1790), Coloniser  
August 1865 Manukau, Auckland  
1888 Norfolk Island

A specimen painted by Richard Laishley in August 1865 was “shot in Manukau” (Sibson 1987). This appears to be the earliest dated record. Buller (1868) obtained several specimens prior to 1865 in the North Island, but gave no further details. Ramsay (1888) recorded it then on Norfolk Island, but Christian (2005) gives 1910 as the first record.

