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Plumed Egret *Ardea intermedia plumifera* (Gould 1848), Vagrant (18)
June 1973 Foxton Beach, Manawatu
21/6/1985 Norfolk Island

The first record was one found on Foxton Beach by L.O. Burmeister, of Palmerston North (Seddon & Seddon 1979). A prosecution relating to the possession of protected wildlife led to the uncovering of this record. The published record is inconsistent regarding dates. It could have been shot in May/June 1970 to 1973; 3-4 years before June 1977; or in October 1972 or 1973. The area where found is also uncertain, either the beach or more likely the estuary. J. Moore (in litt.) thought it most likely that it was "collected" in May/June on the estuary in the wildfowling season.