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**Cattle Egret in south-west Victoria.**—The spread of the Cattle Egret (*Ardeola ibis*) in many parts of the world in recent years is well known, but its occurrence about five miles east of Dunkeld in south-western Victoria adds a new district to its conquest.

I was informed that a strange white bird, about the size and shape of a "blue crane", had been feeding for the past two weeks with a flock of rams belonging to Mr. Peter Armytage, about five miles on the Glenthompson side of Dunkeld. I went to see the bird the next day, May 18, 1962, and found it, as described, feeding in the middle of a flock of about 20 rams.

It was in winter, or possibly immature, plumage, pure white except for a small patch of buff on the forehead in front of a small bunch of feathers that looked almost like a crest. The bill was bright yellow, shorter and stronger than in the other Australian species of egrets. At first sight the legs appeared grey, but in certain lights had a definite olive tinge in them. The soles of the feet were seen to be yellowish when the bird flew away from the observer.

As it allowed approach to within 20 yards, and when disturbed flew only a few yards to the front of the rams, observation was very easy. It appeared to be a good deal smaller than the White-faced Heron (*Ardea novaehollandiae*) with which it had been compared, but possibly this was due to the fact that the legs were noticeably shorter. Its walk was unlike that of other egrets in that it took very high steps, with an exaggerated fore-and-aft movement of the head during each step. It was present for a few days after I saw it, making a total residence in the one place of about three weeks. The grass in the ram paddock was longer than in many other paddocks around the district, which possibly accounts for its prolonged stay in the one spot.—CLAUDE N. AUSTIN, Coleraine, Vic., 31/5/62.