



KUKU—NEW ZEALAND WOOD PIGEON.

Here again the so-called "protection" is a farce. The law is broken frequently by numerous poachers in many districts of the North and South Islands. These beautiful birds have even been served at meals in some hotels of the West Coast of the South Island. Very seldom does one read of a conviction of poachers.

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PIED STILT.

Frequently shot by Godwit hunters.



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Frequently used as a flavouring for pigeon pie.

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MUTTON BIRD.

This is another protected bird which Maoris are permitted to take in limited numbers for food. Some persons are now scheming to kill these birds for export. If such an outrage is tolerated, the Mutton Bird may share the same fate as the American Passenger Pigeon—now extinct as the result of commercial killing.

