

There are seven eggs of this duck in the collection. They are of the usual size and appearance of the eggs of this genus, being of a uniform pale stone colour, and measuring about 2·1 by 1·4 inches.

D. NEW ZEALAND (June 1874).

In New Zealand only four skins, belonging to three species, were obtained, namely :—

- 1 *Miro albifrons*, jr., Hardy Bay.
- 2 *Hematopus unicolor*, jr., Hardy Bay.
- 1 *Botaurus pæciloptilus*, jr., Wellington.

E. HONG KONG, CHINA (January 1875).

From Hong Kong seven skins, belonging to four species, all known Chinese birds, were procured, viz. :—

- 1 *Turdus mandarinus*, Bp.
- 1 *Halcyon pileata*, Bodd.
- 2 *Alcedo bengalensis*, Gm.
- 2 *Coturnix communis*, Bonn.
- 1 *Turnix maculosus*, Temm.

F. MEANGIS ISLANDS (February 1875).

Four examples of *Eos indica* were obtained here (of which three have arrived home), under the circumstances mentioned in Mr Murray's MS., as follows :¹—

“On the 10th February 1875, while the ship was dredging, some natives came off in a boat. They had with them mats and cocoa-nuts, and some Perroquets. The following are those which were purchased for tobacco :—

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| “No. 440. ♀. | } Feet black ; bill orange ; eyes red, or light brown in the male. |
| No. 441. ♀. | |
| No. 442. ♀. | |
| No. 443. ♂. | |

“We kept the male for several days alive ; he used to fly about the ship and return to the house on deck when shown his food.

“He died from eating some green stuff, it is supposed, but was perhaps hurt aloft.

“The natives came from the southernmost isle of the Meangis group.

“This is the most northern species of *Eos* known ; its only hitherto ascertained locality is the neighbouring Sanghir group of islands.”²

¹ Cf. also Lord G. Campbell's Log-letters, p. 245.

² Cf. Rowley's Orn. Misc., p. 123, where a beautiful figure of this species is given.