

Dab chicks



Would you believe it mother dabchick has a baby under her feathers on her back!

A good shake of hers feathers and look what popped out!



One little dabchick baby who didn't think this being on the water is a good idea.

Let me back I would rather be under your feathers in the warmth



That's better !



Coot

Coots don't visit our lagoons very often and then only in ones or twos. On Kotuku lagoon the other day, twelve turned up ; there must have been a coots convention as I can think of no other reason for so many of these birds to be on our lagoons. Birds of all kinds follow the food around, so maybe these birds found the food in short supply where they came from.



Celine the Canada Goose.



The saving of the goose.

It was a shooting season three years ago when this Canada goose managed to glide into the Waimanu lagoon on its only good wing, with the other badly injured by shooters, looking for a goose dinner.

These two young ladies using Liz in her canoe, rounded up the goose who could only flutter along in the water flapping its only good wing, They cornered the bird and netted it. Away it went to Craig Shepherds Rehabilitation Establishment, to be nursed

back to health with a shortened wing, unfortunately unable to fly again. Back to the lagoons it came, looking quite the worse for ware, to be taken under the wing of one of our white ganders. And three years later, look how good it looks! The white gander and Celine, the Canada Goose, as Craig named it, have these last three years been inseparable. They can be found together around the Southern Waimanu lagoon by the little wharf.



Photograph Jackie Cumming

New additions

Once again we have a hatching of cygnets.

Hits last month—Sixty Thousand Two Hundred & Eleven.

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