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#### FEEDING METHODS OF WHITE EGRETS

On August 30, 1963, two White Egrets (*Egretta alba*) were observed on the ponds within the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide.

The general method of stalking and capturing their prey was as follows:—Slowly stalking a few steps through the water the bird then stood poised, perfectly still, watching the water before stabbing down to seize its prey. The body was held horizontally, and the bird waded to within an inch or so of its underparts.

A second method was used when the bird's prey was in water too deep to wade in viz.—One bird was standing on the edge of an island peering intently at the water, with its head and neck outstretched upwards at an angle of about 20-25 degrees from the horizontal. Suddenly the bird took off towards me, and when a few feet out over the water, stabbed down and caught its prey, the bird immediately veering off to the right, landing again further along. This was noted four times.

Later, the other bird, after much waiting poised ready to strike, leapt forward into flight and took prey from the water about