

They got a long neck. Well, mostly they stay under the water all the time. They catch fish. And their tails are just stiff--just like plastic or something. When they go in the water and come out, they say not even wet or nothing. (Is that right.)

They're dry. Yeah. Their feathers are all stiff. There's somethin' on them feathers so water won't stick on them.

(Have you ever seen one yourself?)

I never did see one alive, but I did see one dead. It had been stuff with cotton and stuff like that. Taxidermist work.

(Do the Indians here get those feathers and use them?)

Yeah, they use them.

(They do? Have you ever made a fan out of those kind of feathers?)

Yeah. James Auchiah, he had a set. I worked the feathers for a fan. Well, it's old feathers. It's been coming way back in his family, I think. He just had them loose and didn't know what to do with them so he brought them over here and I worked them.

(Does he still have them?)

Yeah, he still got them. Something like an old keep sake or something. Old fans.

USE OF EAGLE FEATHERS

(Well, are they supposed to be better than eagle feathers for peyote fans?)

No, eagle are best. They say eagles are higher bird than any other birds we got here.

(A higher bird?)

Um-hum. Stays way up in there--way up in there. Well, they say they're pretty close to heaven. Live way up there in the sky--way up there. Well, them other birds live down here below. They're the only ones that stays way up there