

Taranaki-Wanganui.—One recent record, Tangarakau Gorge, 1933; gone from western Taranaki since 1886; Wanganui River, above Pipiriki Gorge, some 20 years ago.

SOUTH ISLAND.

Marlborough.—D'Urville Island; Chetwode Islands; Pickersgill Island; Little Mt. Stokes (above Manaroa); Pelorus Woods; Lower Awatere (above junction of Taylors Pass Road); Wairau (mile above Rainbow Accommodation House); Waihopai River (below Benopai Station); Ure Valley; Omaka Valley (confl. Dillon Creek); "Kai-koura"; Conway R. (Fernhurst Station).

Nelson.—Dun Mt. and other localities near Nelson; Onekaka-Aorere Valley; Owen Junction; Buller Valley, from Tophouse to Inangahua; Tarakohe to Mt. Arthur; Karamea Saddle; Caplestone; head Lake Rotoroa; Abel Tasman National Park; Rahu Saddle.

Canterbury.—Boyle Hut, Lewis Pass; Banks Peninsula, possibly surviving, but no recent records; otherwise no suggestion of continued presence east of Alps in Canterbury.

Westland.—Taramakau Valley; Matakitaki Valley; vicinity of Ross; believed locally persistent in S. Westland but no precise records received.

Otago-Southland.—Whare Flat (Dunedin); Lillburn Valley; Eglinton (and East branch); Dart Valley; Routeburn (12m. from Kinloch); Sylvan Lake; Diamond Lake; foot Mt. Earnslaw (Arcadia); Hope Arm, Manapouri; Piano Flat (Waikaia); Golden Downs; upper Waiau Basin between Monowai and Manapouri; no exact records for Fiordland in recent years.

STEWART ISLAND.

Main island behind Pegasus; Pukeweka; Solomon Island; Big South Cape Island, Jacques Lees Island; Green Island.

FLYING SHAG LOSES BALANCE.—I have only on one occasion seen a shag blown off its balance while flying. On 7/4/46 I was proceeding in my launch along the south side of Ponui Island with a gale blowing across the island from the north. The shag, a large pied (*Phalacrocorax varius*) approached from the east, flying at about 60 feet above the water. A swirling gust came down a gully, twisted to an east-west direction, and bowled him end over end. He hit the water, still out of control and was hurtled along the surface for about 15 yards. By this time he was able to pull himself together and dive. He stayed under the water for a very long time, perhaps collecting his badly scattered wits, or meditating on the vagaries of the New Zealand climate.—Thomas M. Roberts, Clevedon.