

	Muriwai, 1942.	Cabbage T. Is. population.	1946 Specimen
Culmen	25.1	24.6	24.8
Wing	229	224.75	225
Tail	95.57	93.2	97
Tarsus	29.9	29.2	29

From these considerations it would appear that the specimen under discussion originated from Cabbage Tree Island or from an undiscovered breeding colony of *Pterodroma leucoptera leucoptera*.

There had been persistent westerly weather at the time the bird was cast up, and among the other species found was a specimen of *Puffinus tenuirostris* which had also been on the beach for several days. This latter species is found quite regularly at Muriwai and it therefore seems quite feasible for the *Pterodroma leucoptera* to have also originated from Australian waters.

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SPOTTED SHAG NEAR AUCKLAND.

(a).—While visiting Tarakihi Island on 11/9/45 I observed Spotted Shags (*Stictocarbo punctatus*) on the north-east coast of the island and some twenty nests, most of which were being built, were visible on the ledges of the cliffs. The nests were viewed from above and none of those within sight contained any eggs.

A second visit to the island on 9/10/45 revealed the fact that the colony had been attacked, apparently just after the first eggs had been laid. The nests that could be observed appeared to have contained only one egg each as indicated by the shell fragments that remained. The birds themselves had completely disappeared.

On 23/10/45, while passing round the north-eastern shore of Waiheke Island, in the vicinity of Anita Bay, a number of Spotted Shags were noticed on the rocky shore, and upon closer investigation I discovered that they were nesting in a small cave, some ten or twelve nests being located on ledges within two or three feet of the cave roof. The nests that could be examined were found to contain three eggs each and it appeared that incubation was well advanced. These eggs were probably laid during the first and second weeks of October.

While visiting the Noises Islands on 31/7/46, I noticed Spotted Shags nesting in the large cave on one of the islands in which they have nested for many years. All possible nesting sites along the sides of the cave seemed to be occupied, and some four or five nests had been built outside the western entrance. The birds were mostly busy reconditioning and building nests in the cave at this time, but on one of the outside nests a bird was sitting very closely on two eggs which were well incubated and were probably laid during the third week in July.—T. W. Cox, Howick.

(b).—Ponui Island area, a few miles to the south of Tarakihi.—7/10/45 to 30/12/45: Parties of c30 to 100 plus, but some hundreds on 9/12/45. Absent from 30/12/45 to 12/5/46, after which counts of 30 to 100 were usual till 16/6/46. Not nesting anywhere on Ponui. This is evidently a feeding area for Spotted Shags from Tarakihi, Waiheke and, perhaps, the more distant Noises.—T. M. Roberts, Clevedon.

(c).—Ihumoana Cliff at Te Henga.—Breeding activity was noticed on 2/6/46. Birds in full breeding plumage were gathering green herbaceous vegetation from nearby cliffs and carrying it to nests.—E. G. Turbott.

(d).—Muriwai.—Two juveniles ashore alive on 28/4/46. A strong easterly had been blowing for some days. They may have come either from Oaia Rock, where there appears to be a small colony, or else from the large Ihumoana colony, some eight miles south of Muriwai. Storm-wrecked Spotted Shags are found annually at Muriwai.—R. B. Sibson.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS.

One of the Society's youngest members is Roger Daniell, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Daniell, of Masterton, and a pupil of Wairarapa College. He shows considerable promise as a bird artist. His father's property at Wairere, Ihuraua, is the place where Sir Walter Buller collected the huia (*Heteralocha acutirostris*) in 1883, as described in "Birds of New Zealand," second edition.

Mr. C. A. Fleming, of 79 Duthie Street, Wellington, has been appointed by the committee as district organiser for the Wellington, Hawke's Bay and Taranaki provinces.

Members who may have noticed any errors or omissions in the list of New Zealand birds published as a supplement to volume one, are asked to communicate with the president, Professor B. J. Marples, Otago Museum, Dunedin. It is proposed to have the additions and corrections printed so that they can be attached to the original list and make it complete.

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