

PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF N.Z. ROBIN.—II.

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Since the publication of the first note on the distribution of the New Zealand Robin (*Miro australis*) (see Vol. 2, No. 2, p. 24) numbers of new records have been collected owing to the response of members and others to requests for information. Acknowledgment is made to the following contributors to both sets of records: Messrs. F. L. Newcombe, R. J. Keane and other officers of the Internal Affairs Department, Dr. R. A. Falla, Majors G. A. Buddle and R. A. Wilson, Messrs. W. H. Dawbin, J. M. Heise, E. W. Hursthouse, A. C. Henderson, M. Gage, H. R. McKenzie, A. C. O'Connor, R. St. Paul, A. A. Savell, R. J. Scarlett, W. A. Watters and H. W. Wenham.

The following localities are additional to those already published and include some accepted records from literature, including Drummond's lists (1907). It may be noted in parenthesis that the Kaweka and Ahimanawa ranges were listed in error as "rivers" in the first note.

North Island.—Raglan (1907, Drummond); Waitawhata Valley, Wai-kino (about 1926, R.A.F.); Tokoroa-Atiamuri Road (1945, W.H.W.); Waitaiki Stream, Ohakune (A.C.H.); Raetihi-Pipiriki Road, Waimarino Stream, Makino Rd., Murumuru Rd., Kahura Track (localities between Main Trunk and Wanganui River, A.C.H., and J.M.H., 1946-47); Tuhua Ranges (Reischek, 1882); Waitotara backblocks (Drummond, 1907); Wai-kohu (1898) and Maungahaumia (1906), East Coast (J. C. M'Lean); Minginui, Urewera (R.St.P.); Horomaunga Gorge, Galatea (G.A.B.); Waiopahu Track (A.A.S.); Wainuiomata (Drummond, 1907); Orongorongo and behind Mahina Bay (unconfirmed records, F.L.N., 1946 and E.W.H.) Buller's (1905) report from Whale Island is not here accepted.

South Island.—Picton-Blenheim (Handley, 1894); Mokihinui River (1935, Moncrieff); Wangapeka (1934); Mt. Travers (1947); Rahu Saddle (W.A.W., 1945); Lanky's Gully, Reefton (M.G.); Totara Saddle, Ross (M.G., 1940); L. Brunner (1888, W. W. Smith); Parnassus (1946, R.A.F.); Waihemo and Tautuku, Otago (Drummond, 1907); Port Chalmers (about 1893, R.A.W.); Rees Valley and Mavora Lake (W.A.W., 1946); Winton (1901, skin); Wyndham and Waianiwa (1907, Drummond).

Stewart Island.—Behind Mason Bay (W. Dawbin, 1945); Lower Freshwater Valley (W.A.W., 1942).

In a summary of the position on the main islands, it may be said that the robin persists in the bushed areas around the Taupo-Rotorua depression, but is scarce or absent from the radiating peninsulas of the North Island—N. Auckland (no confirmed contemporary records); East Cape (scarce); Taranaki (virtually gone); and Wellington (scarce). In the South Island, the robin is persistent over most of Nelson and parts of Marlborough, absent from most of Canterbury, scarce in Westland (?), and eastern Otago-Southland, but persists from the head of Lake Wakatipu to the Waiau in the west.

The following additional records were received too late for indication on the map:—North Island: Kapara, Waitotara River (T. Andrews); Ngamatapouri, Waitotara Valley (A. R. Annabell, per J. Morland); junction of Ohau and Ohauti rivers (T. Andrews).

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