

FURTHER NORTH ISLAND RECORDS OF *APTERYX OWENI*

Since I published (*Notornis* 1962, 10, 84-85) sub-fossil records of the Little Grey Kiwi from the North Island, further material of this bird has come to hand and it seems desirable to list the new localities.

## WELLINGTON —

Te-Ika-a-Maru midden;

Site N160/50 Paremata Moa-hunter midden;

## TARANAKI —

Okohu River mouth Moa-hunter midden;

Site N128/3, Kaupokonui Moa-hunter midden;

Robbers' Hole limestone Cave, Mahoenui;

## HAWKES BAY —

Poukawa swamp;

## KING COUNTRY —

Taumatamairi, Limestone Cave;

Davis System, Limestone Cave, 22m. south of Te Kuiti;

## COROMANDEL PENINSULA —

Whiritoa Moa-hunter midden;

## NORTHLAND —

Tom Bowling Beach (dunes, probable association with man).

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## WRYBILL NEAR GREYMOUTH

While checking some Eastern Bar-tailed Godwits (*L. lapponica baueri*) near Greymouth, on 31/10/67, I picked up a small wader which looked too light in colour for a Banded Dotterel (*C. binctus*). When it turned I could see a single band on the breast but at the range with 10X binoculars I was not sure that the bird was a Wrybill (*A. frontalis*) as I suspected. I then set up the telescope and with cool conditions in good light under 75X magnification was able to pick up the turn in the bill. There could be no doubt about the identification. The bird was getting large worms of some sort on the mudflat and seemed to be in some trouble with them because of their size. This is the first time that I have seen a Wrybill on the West Coast.

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[The Wrybill is rarely reported on the west coast of the South Island. One was found among Banded Dotterels at Paturau on 20/1/59 (*Notornis* 8, 164). — Ed.]



## YELLOWHAMMER ATTACKING ITS OWN REFLECTION

At Greymouth on 8/10/67, I saw a cock Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*) fighting its reflection in the wing mirror of a parked car. The owner of the car said that the bird did this quite often and became so exhausted that he could walk right up to it. The car was parked in gorse and scrub country fairly regularly while the driver was whitebaiting, so that the Yellowhammer found it necessary to defend its territory not infrequently. It would have been very interesting to have observed the first "encounter."

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