

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL IN THE WAIKATO

On 22 October 1971 a Black-capped Petrel (*Pterodroma externa cervicalis*) was found alive in a field by Mr T. Emmett at Ngahinapouri, south of Hamilton; he handed it over to Mr D. G. Berrett, a visitor from Hawaii. The bird died shortly after being picked up. Mr Berrett was able to identify it but verified this with an Auckland Museum specimen. Just before 22 October there had been a period of very strong winds from a northerly quarter. The bird which proved to be a male is now in the Auckland Museum, AV. 136-14. It is only the second specimen to be recorded from the North Island (see Notornis 19: 216).

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TWO UNUSUAL ALBATROSS RECOVERIES

Two interesting recoveries recently received by the Banding Office add further to our knowledge of the movements of Royal and Wandering Albatrosses.

Royal Albatross: R-20414. Banded as a chick at Campbell Island, 23 May 1970; recovered at Tematangi, Tuamotu Archipelago (21°42'S, 140°38'W) about the middle of 1971. The band and a leg bone only were found near a colony of Red-tailed Tropic Birds. This is the most northerly Pacific recovery of a Royal Albatross.

Wandering Albatross: R-18693. Banded as an adult on the nest, Antipodes Island, 1 February 1969; recovered dead at Taiaro Island, Tuamotu Archipelago (15°44'S, 144°38'W), late December 1971.

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