

The contents of this note are a modest attempt to salvage some data from the relics of a flagrant instance of illegal hunting. We may be tempted to exclaim 'Alas, poor Yorick.' Perhaps the Godwits I have recorded did not die entirely in vain.

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## WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN IN BAY OF PLENTY

On 6 October 1974 I was contacted by Mr W. Broun who reported seeing a White-winged Black Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) at the lagoon adjacent to the Kaituna River mouth near Maketu in the Bay of Plenty. He was accompanied by his wife and Mr and Mrs G. Goodman; they all had excellent views of the bird. At one stage they watched it as it quartered a small area over the sand flying almost like a Fantail as it chased insects. This was their second siting of the bird as they had also seen it on 15 September 1974.

On 12 October I went to the area with my family. Like the other party, we arrived at noon. We walked along the side of the lagoon and almost immediately saw the tern flying amongst some agitated Pied Stilts, which had young. Even though it was dull, I was struck with the colour; the bird was in full breeding plumage. It made several low passes over us and the water before departing.

The bird has not been seen there since.

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## BLACK-FRONTED DOTTERELS AT ROTORUA

About mid-day on 1 September 1974, I paid a visit to Sulphur Flats by the Travelodge Motel, Rotorua. Feeding on the lake shore I spotted a Black-fronted Dotterel (*Charadrius menops*) feeding with two Banded Dotterels (*C. bicinctus*). Its bright red bill with the black tip and its striking plumage immediately drew my attention to it. I then spotted two more Black-fronted Dotterels behind. All the dotterels were feeding on small insects on the gravel. I believe this is the first record for this species in this area.

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