

## ANOTHER GENTOO PENGUIN

On 16 October 1974, while working in the Papatowai Scenic Reserve in south-east Otago, Mr Bob Sproull and I went for a walk after our lunch along the beach. Near a spot called the Moki Hale we saw a large penguin who was certainly a stranger in these parts. It appeared quite healthy and we were able to photograph it without difficulty. Without any doubt we were able to confirm its identity later as a Gentoo Penguin.

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## BLUE PETREL ASHORE, SAWYERS BAY, OTAGO HARBOUR

On the morning of 6 August 1973 a bird in an exhausted condition was found in the street at Sawyers Bay, Otago Harbur, by Mrs Baker of Sawyers Bay.

Later in the day, I collected this bird which was in a dazed state but uninjured. It was obviously not a prion because of the distinctive white bar across the tail, the dark head and the petrel-like bill.

Following discussions with Mrs Jill Hamel, the bird was identified as a Blue Petrel (*Halobaena caerulea*).

Description: Upper surface soft blue-grey, secondaries and scapulars edged with white, outer primaries darker on the outer webs, white band across squarish tail. Bill black, mottled forehead with crown, patch around eye, nape darker than back, a faint "M" pattern on upper surface, a small number of filoplumes on the head and neck, underparts, including underwing white; feet pale blue with pinkish webs.

Measurements: Bill 25.8 mm, width at base 9.9 mm. Depth at base 10.4 mm. Wing 214 mm. Tail 91.1 mm. Tarsus 32 mm. Mid-toe and claw 44.5 mm. Weight 131 grams.

The bird was kept overnight and found to be quite healthy and active in the morning: it was given drinks of salt water, banded D-38274 and released from Taiaroa Head and was last seen heading out to sea with a strong wing beat.

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## AVIAN ANATOMY

Those interested in the vexed problem of the correct and agreed names of the anatomical parts of birds might care to know that an International Committee on Avian Anatomical Nomenclature (or ICAAN) has been set up. For more information contact Dr Julian J. Baumel, its Chairman, Creighton University, School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska, USA 68178.