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SHORT NOTE

WILSON'S STORM PETREL AT KAIKOURA

At midnight on 5 April 1975 I found a live Wilson's Storm Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*) sitting in the lighted hallway at the Edward Percival Marine Laboratory, Kaikoura. When the bird was picked up it regurgitated ten drops of a red clear oily substance. The bird was shown to Dr M. B. Jones and some marine biology students and I noted several characters. It was readily identified from Falla, Sibson & Turbott (1970, *Field Guide to the Birds of New Zealand*, 2nd ed.) by the white rump patch, long legs, and black feet with yellow webs. The bird was stressed and I quickly released it. It flew northwest toward Kaikoura township.

From the literature (see *Annotated Checklist*, OSNZ 1970: 29) and Mr A. T. Edgar (pers. comm.) there appear to be only six records of this species in New Zealand with no pattern of distribution or season. Two of these were made in April and one in November in the South Island. There are three records from the North Island, one each in January, March and May.

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