

territory. While the hen perched on a bush uttering calls denoting threat at the intruders, the cock flew round it, wings rigid, in circles. The hen then took wing and approached the cock, quivering the wings, retracting its head, and protruding its breast. Evidently such behaviour keeps mated birds together if they are disturbed. The latter actions closely resemble threat posturing in flight, previously regarded by the writer as display flight proper. Threat behaviour is seen until mid-February.—H. Secker, Wellington.

MEETING OF DUNEDIN MEMBERS.—Dunedin members and friends met in the Biology Lecture Room of the Otago Museum on September 16, 1952, there being an attendance of 67. Mrs. I. Tily presided and gave a report of the annual meeting held in Christchurch, and of the excursions which followed. The local regional organiser, Mrs. L. E. Walker, outlined practical methods whereby members could take an active part in observing and recording bird life, her talk being illustrated by coloured pictures of the birds under discussion. These pictures were shown through an epidiroscope so that all present could see the special points mentioned. Some excellent films taken by Mr. E. G. Turbott, of Auckland, and depicting bird life in Notornis Valley in winter, and on Little Barrier Island were shown, and, in another room, Professor B. J. Marples had on display a fine selection of reproductions of sketches and paintings by eminent bird artists.

PIED TIT IN NORTH AUCKLAND.—On 8/3/52, in company with Mr. S. G. Gittos, a brief visit was made to the forest area of some 1000 acres at the head of Waiwhio Valley, immediately north of the Dome State Forest, Warkworth. The area, containing heavy mixed forest with some kauri, is separated from the Dome Forest only by the comparatively narrow belt of farmland occupying Waiwhio Valley. One tit was heard and another seen. The latter was a male, the greyish throat indicating that it was immature. The pied tit occurs elsewhere so far as is known only at Waipoua Forest on the mainland north of Auckland, although it was "virtually ubiquitous in 1840" (Fleming, Trans. Roy. Soc. N.Z., vol. 78, p. 35). As indicated by this brief visit, it appears that the Waiwhio forest at present forms an "island" with an established population. None was observed in the Dome State Forest, of which a longer examination was made on the previous day.—E. G. Turbott, Auckland Museum.

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