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- N.I. KIWI (*Apteryx australis mantelli*). 31/1/55. 1 calling near Whangarei motor camp. (R.B.S.) Kawhia, scenic reserve at north end of harbour, one heard. (R. H. Meredith). W.S.S.
- S.I. KIWI (*Apteryx a. australis*). Dusky Sound. Aug. '54. 5 seen by T. Leask. (O.S.)
- LITTLE SPOTTED KIWI (*Apteryx oweni*). Tauranga Bay, Westport. 15/1/55. One captured alive and released by bushman. (T.J.P.)

- BLUE PENGUIN** (*Eudyptula minor*). Manukau. Some off Awhitu. 15/5/55. (S.C.R.) Tuamotu I., Gisborne. 3 prs. 17/10/54. (D.M.)
- N.Z. CRESTED PENGUIN** (*Eudyptes p. pachyrhynchus*). Dusky Sound. Aug. '54. 8 pairs, reported by T. Leask. (O.S.)
- SOUTHERN CRESTED GREBE** (*Podiceps cristatus australis*). Te Anau, west shore. 19/9/54. One seen in full breeding plumage. Pleasant Bay. 29/1/55. Two adults with one young preening and diving. (N.S.)
- DABCHICK** (*Podiceps rufopectus*). Pouto Peninsula, Northland; present on L. Rototuna, Kanono, Kahuparere, July, '55. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK., R.B.S.). Whangata, Gisborne. 4/5/55. One shot by duck shooter. (D.M.) Motuopa Bay, Taupo. Seen with young. (A.A.)
- WANDERING ALBATROSS** (*Diomedea e. exulans*). Onetangi, Waiheke. An adult with hind parts and wings badly soaked in oil came ashore, found by Mrs Webster, and came into her garden close to beach, where it was given sprats; sent to Auckland Zoo 18/6/55, where it was partly cleaned; took sprats up to 9 inches; died 10/8/55 (in Auckland Museum). (E.G.T.) Manukau Heads. 25/10/54. One imm. dead. (R.B.S.) Cook St. 13/4/55. 25 between Lambton Quay and Tory Channel, the majority being sub-adults. Two seen flying constantly together. 6/10/55. 12 seen between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel. (H.L.S.) Awhitu pen. 1 juv. ashore. 1/5/55. (V.M.R.)
- ROYAL ALBATROSS** (*Diomedea epomophora*). Cook St. 13/4/55. Only two seen between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel. 6/1/55. Only one. (H.L.S.)
- BLACK-BROWED MOLLYMAWK** (*Diomedea melanophris*). Cook St. 13/4/55. Only one seen. 37/7/55. Sinclair Head, Wellington. One close to shore. 6/10/55. One adult and one imm. in Cook St. (H.L.S.)
- GREY-HEADED MOLLYMAWK** (*Diomedea chrysostoma*). Corpses. Waikanae. 3/7/54. 1 juv. (C.A.F.) Pukerua Bay. 4/7/54. 1 adult. (B.D.H.)
- BULLER'S MOLLYMAWK** (*Diomedea bulleri*). 6/10/55. One between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel. (H.L.S.) Foveaux St, Half-Moon Bay and Paterson Inlet. 20-24/4/55. Several. (H.R.McK.)
- WHITE-CAPPED MOLLYMAWK** (*Diomedea cauta*). Cook St. 13/4/55. 12 seen of which only three could be identified as *D. c. salvini*. Island Bay, Wellington. 10/7/55. One *D. c. cauta* close to shore. 31/7/55. None noted, when other albatrosses were ubiquitous. 6/10/55. Three between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel. (H.L.S.) Corpses. 11/7/54. 1 Wainui-o-Mata. (P.C.B., R.K.D.) 15/1/55. 1 Paraparamu (C.A.F., R.B.S.) Awhitu pen. 29/1/55. 1. 2/3/55. 1. (V.M.R.)
- GIANT PETREL** (*Macronectes giganteus*). 6/11/54. One near Little Barrier. (E.F.T.) 22/8/55. Waitemata, between wharves and Rangitoto beacon, 16. (R.B.S.) Tauranga Heads. 28/8/54. One in flight. (B.S.) Mt Maunganui. 18/7/55. One on the coast after a heavy north-easterly. (M.H.) Westport. 1/1/55. 1 corpse. Dusky Sound. Aug. '54. Plentiful acc. T. Leask. (O.S.) Cook St. 5/10/55. Numbers apparently much the same as in Oct. '53, i.e. somewhat less than 200. (H.L.S.) Pareora, S. Canterbury. 15/1/55. One. (L.E.W.) Bluff. 28/1/55. Two. Paterson Inlet, Stewart I. 4/1/55. One. (J.W.)
- CAPE PIGEON** (*Daption capensis*). In Rangitoto Channel. 22/8/55. One. (E.O.C.D., E.G.T., R.B.S.) Gisborne wharf. 13/9/54. One. (D.M.) Cook St. 5/10/55. c. 25 between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel. (H.L.S.) Foveaux St. 14/5/54. One. 4/1/55. One. 28/1/55. One. (J.W.) Corpses. Puketutu causeway. 20/8/54. One. (R.B.S.) Awhitu. 18/10/54. One. 31/10/54. One. 20/6/55. One. (V.M.R.) Waikanae. 3/7/54. One. (C.A.F.)

SILVER-GREY FULMAR (*Fulmatus glacialis*). Awhitu peninsula. Oct. '54. One. (S.C.R.)

BLUE PETREL (*Halobaena caerulea*). In 1954 another wave (the fourth for the winter) of wrecked birds came ashore in October; for in addition to the 14 Blue Petrels recorded by Davenport and Sibson (*Notornis*, 6, 115), four more were found as follows: Bethells, 23/10/54 (R.B.S.). Awhitu peninsula, 18/10/54 (V.M.R.). 23/10/54 and 27/10/54 (S.C.R.). The total, therefore, found on the Auckland West Coast in 1954 was 18. Te Horo, Wellington coast. 16/10/54. One. (B.D.H.) Waiuku gap, Awhitu pen. 11/6/55. One fresh corpse. (S.C.R.)

BROAD-BILLED PRION (*Pachyptila vittata vittata*). Few came ashore on west coast beaches in the winter. Muriwai. 1/5/55. 1. Bethells. 29/5/55. 1. (J.C.D., A.C.C., H.G.W.) Awhitu. 17/7/55. 1. (V.M.R.) Waikanae. 3/7/54. 11. (C.A.F.) 18/7/54. 1. Pukerua Bay. 4/7/54. 2. (B.D.H.)

LESSER BROAD-BILLED PRION (*Pachyptila salvini salvini*). Glink's Gully, Dargaville. 17/7/55. 2. (R.B.S.) Bethells. 29/5/55. 1. (A.C.C.) Awhitu. 28/11/54. 1. 4/12/54. 1. 29/5/55. 11. 20/6/55. 3. 17/7/55. 8. (V.M.R., S.C.R.) Waikanae. 3/7/54. 24. (C.A.F.) 18/7/54. 3. Paekakariki. 3/7/54. 2. Paraparaumu. 18/7/54. 2. Pukerua Bay. 3/7/54. 4. 18/7/54. 2. Titahi Bay. 26/6/54. 4. (B.D.H.) Waikanae. 8/8/55. 1. (H.L.S.)

ANTARCTIC PRION (*Pachyptila desolata*). Muriwai. 1/5/55. 6. (J.C.D., H.G.W.) Awhitu-Waiuku. 29/5/55. 5. (S.C.R., V.M.R.) Puketutu causeway. 31/5/55. 2. (R.B.S.) Bethells. 29/5/55. 3. (A.C.C.)

NARROW-BILLED PRION (*Pachyptila belcheri*). Waikanae. 18/7/54. 1. Paraparaumu. 18/7/54. 1. Pukerua Bay. 4/7/54. 2. (B.D.H.) Wainui-o-Mata. 11/7/54. (P.C.B., R.K.D.) Awhitu pen. 29/5/55. 2. 17/7/55. 3. (V.M.R., S.C.R.)

FAIRY PRION (*Pachyptila turtur*). Pakiri-Te Arai Pt. 2/7/55. 9 recent. (G.J.M., H.R.McK.) Mt Maunganui. 18/8/55. 4. (M.H.) Awhitu coast. 29/9/54. 2. 18/10/54. 2. 28/11/54. 3. 4/12/54. 3. 29/1/55. 3. 2/3/55. 1. 17/7/55. 2. 26/7/55. 1. Muriwai. 1/5/55. 1. 4/9/55. 1. Bethells. 11/9/55. 1. 22/10/55. 1. (J.C.D., A.C.C., H.G.W., R.B.S.) Te Horo-Waikanae. 16/10/54. 1. 18/9/55. 13. (B.D.H., C.A.F., M.A.) Paraparaumu. 18/7/54. 1. Paekakariki. 6/2/55. 3. Pukerua Bay. 4/7/54. 1. 6/2/55. 8. 18/9/55. 3. (B.D.H., M.A.) Wainui-o-Mata. 11/7/54. 1. 21/11/54. 1. (P.C.B., R.K.D.) Cook St, between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel. Not seen on 13/4/55 or 5/10/55. (H.L.S.)

FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER (*Puffinus carneipes hullianus*). Hauraki Gulf. Nov. 1954 - May 1955. Plentiful. South of Kāwau and Great Barrier these generally outnumbered *P. bulleri*. (A.J.G.) Cook St. Several. 5/10/55. (H.L.S.) Corpses. Awhitu pen. 4/12/54. 1. 29/1/55. 1. (V.M.R.) Okariu Bay, Wellington. 31/12/54. 1. (H.L.S.) Hot Water Beach, Coromandel. 16/4/55. 1. (S.C.R.)

BULLER'S SHEARWATER (*Puffinus bulleri*). Hauraki Gulf. Leigh to Little Barrier. 6/11/54. Only 6 seen. (E.F.T.) Breamhead-Whangaroa. Feb. 1955. Very plentiful, greatly outnumbering *P. carneipes*. (A.J.G.) Corpses. Awhitu pen. Oct. '54. 1. (S.C.R.) 11/1/55. 1. (V.M.R.) Bethells. 22/10/55. 1. (R.B.S.) Te Horo. 16/10/54. 1. (B.D.H.)

SOOTY SHEARWATER (*Puffinus griseus*). Cook St. 13/4/55 and 17/5/55. None seen. 5/10/55. c. 50. (H.L.S.) Stewart I. 22/10/54. 3 large flocks. (R.M.T.) Corpses. Awhitu pen. 28/11/54. 9. 4/12/54. 8. 29/1/55. 1. 5/5/55. 1. (V.M.R., S.C.R.) Bethells. 22/10/55. 1. (R.B.S.) Waikanae. 18/7/54. 1 - an interesting midwinter record. Waikanae-Te Horo. 6/2/55. 5. (B.D.H.)

- TASMANIAN MUTTONBIRD** (*Puffinus tenuirostris*). Corpses. Motukawanui, Cavalli Is. and Matauri Bay. 28/12/54. 5 recently ashore. (B.D.H.) Pakiri. 24/12/54. 1. Ohope. 2/1/55. 1. (H.G.W.) Mt Maunganui. 11/12/54. 1. 18/12/54. 2. (M.H.) Muriwai. 13/2/55. 1. (A.C.C.) 1/5/55. 1 (outer primary still ensheathed). (J.C.D.) Awhitu pen. 29/1/55. 2. (V.M.R.)
- FLUTTERING SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus gavia*). Hauraki Gulf. Nov. 1954 - May 1955. Always numerous. (A.J.G.) Cook St. 13/4/55. Not seen in the strait. c. 30 outside entrance to Tory Channel. Grove Arm, Queen Charlotte Sound. 15/4/55. 4. Cook St. 5/10/55. c. 30. (H.L.S.) Corpses. Awhitu pen. 31/10/54. 1. 28/11/54. 1. 4/12/54. 1. (V.M.R.) Te Horo. 16/10/54. 3. 6/2/55. 3. Pukerua Bay. 18/7/54. 1. (B.D.H.) Waikanae. 18/9/55. 2. (M.A.)
- HUTTON'S SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus huttoni*). Cook St. 5/10/55. Several. (H.L.S.)
- BLACK PETREL** (*Procellaria parkinsoni*). Little Barrier I. 10/11/54. Some coming in around the summit. 2 dead on summit track. (E.F.T.)
- WHITE-HEADED PETREL** (*Pterodroma lessoni*). Corpses. Awhitu coast. 29/9/54. 1. 18/10/54. 2. 4/12/54. 1. 1/5/55. 1. 29/3/55. 1 found in paddock 500ft a.s.l. (V.M.R.) Te Horo-Waikanae. 16/10/54. 3. 18/9/55. 1. (B.D.H., M.A.)
- MOTTLED PETREL** (*Pterodroma inexpectata*). Awhitu. 4/12/54. 1. (V.M.R.)
- COOK'S PETREL** (*Pterodroma cooki*). Little Barrier. 6/12/54. Few seen on trip across. Calls of incoming birds heard every evening from 7.30 p.m. (E.F.T., A.T.T.C.) Mt. Maunganui, B.O.P. One found dead. 11/12/54. (M.H.)
- WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL** (*Pelagodroma marina*). Little Barrier I. 6/11/54. 6 seen on trip across. (E.F.T.) Hauraki Gulf. Nov. '54, May '55. On several trips small numbers seen, south of Kawau, off Bream Head and north-west of the Chickens. (A.J.G.)
- DIVING PETREL** (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*). Outside Catherine Bay, Great Barrier. 10/4/55. c. 300. (A.J.G.) Between Wellington Heads, Cape Terawhiti and Tory Channel rare in my experience, irrespective of species' breeding status on islands in western Cook Strait. Not seen 1953 - 1955 on four transects made between Wellington Harbour and Tory Channel and despite assiduous personal searching dead specimens few between 1946 - 1955 on beaches of Wellington Peninsula. However, I collected dead specimens not uncommonly on Wellington Peninsula beaches between 1940 - 1943. (H.L.S.) Corpses. Awhitu pen. 28/11/54. 1. 4/12/54. 3. 20/6/55. 1. (V.M.R.) Te Horo. 16/10/54. 4. Waikanae. 3/7/54. 1. 18/9/55. 1. Paekakariki. 4/7/54. 1. (C.A.F., B.D.H., M.A.)
- GANNET** (*Sula bassana serrator*). Whangaroa, at sea, 28/1/55 to 24/4/55. 43 young birds moving north. With two young on 24/4/55 was an adult. Seen on 20 sword-fishing trips out of 53. Largest tallies for one day, 8, 6, 3, 3. 8/8/55, one feeding in mouth of Whangaroa Harbour. In more advanced state of plumage than the earlier ones. (T.M.R.) South of Kawau I. 31/7/55. About 20 flocks of varying numbers of gannets were seen flying mostly in long line formations from a northerly direction fairly close to the Whangaparaoa Peninsula towards Waiheke Island. The birds were flying very low over the water, usually one behind the other, keeping perfect time together, sometimes gliding and sometimes with a slow wing-beat. The flocks, which were perhaps about 300 yards apart, varied from 3 to about 25 birds. It seems unusual to see these birds in actual flocks flying with such a purposeful air. (N.M.) White Island. 2/4/55. A few scattered over the nesting grounds and feeding offshore. No first season

- birds. (B.S.) Upper Manukau. 10/5/55. 20 plus. No juv. (R.B.S.) Awhitu. 16/2/55. c. 50 feeding a mile off outer coast. 15/7/55. 'There must have been thousands. They were, sitting on the water in rafts like shearwaters.' (V.M.R.) Kapiti passage. 14/1/55. 15 going south. (R.B.S.) Aotea Harbour. 15/1/55. c. 12, more than usual. (C.R.B.) Orowaiti, Westport. 12/1/55. 1. (T.J.P.) Off Seacliff. 12/5/55. 1. (H.R.McK. and L.E.W.) Karitane Estuary. 21/8/54. 2. 22/8/54. 1. (J.W.) Stirling Pt, Bluff. 26/9/54. 2. (R.M.R.)
- BLACK SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*). Young Nicks Head, Gisborne. 4/9/55. 20 pairs breeding, young nearly fledged; one nest 3 fresh eggs. (D.M.) Raglan Harbour, on an upper arm, late July '55, reported by D. Hirst, colony of c. 20 nests, containing large young, all of about same age. (H.R.McK.) L. Whakaki. 6-17/5/55. 300-400 came in between 7 and 8 a.m. daily, in lots of 30 to 40 from fairly high altitude. Feeding mainly on small carp. (R. St P.) Dawson Falls, Mt Egmont. 20/1/55. 1 flying over hostel. (A.P. and T.P.) L. Rahui, Buller Gorge. 4/1/55. Colony of 12-15 nests, some juv. in partial down. (T.J.P.) Waiarau, Te Anau. 16/1/55. One observed to swallow a trout of about 2½ lb. (N.S.) Upper Aparima valley. 27/2/55. 7. (R.M.R.) Taieri mouth, Otago. 29/5/55. 3. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.)
- PIED SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax varius*). Little Barrier. 8/11/54. 24 nests with young in colony. (E.F.T.) Big Chicken I. 24/2/55. 40 plus roosting on southern side of island, no nests. (A.J.G.) The breeding colony is on the Middle Chicken. [Ed.] Clevedon river mouth. 31/3/55. 30. Aotea Harbour. 29/1/55. 2 in upper harbour. (C.R.B.) Kawhia. 20/8/54. 1 at wharf; apparently scarce here. (W.S.S., J.C.) Martin's Ck, Westport. 29/12/54. 1. (T.J.P.) Stewart I., Paterson Inlet. 21/5/55. A small nesting colony had a few birds with small young in nest and five sitting on eggs or small chicks. No large young present. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)
- LITTLE BLACK SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*). Takapuna, L. Pupuke. 22/5/55. 4 pairs breeding, well-grown young in two nests. (J.P., R.B.S.) Maraetai. 10/6/55. c. 30 being harried in shallow water by a Reef Heron. 11/6/55. 70 plus flying in V formation. Seen mostly in two parties on later dates, flying or feeding along shore. Not seen after 20/8/55. (C.D.B.) Papakura, in Drury Ck. 11/7/55. 6. 18/7/55. 13. Mixed flocks of small shags have been reported doing massed diving in this creek. (M.L.S.)
- LITTLE SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*). Palmerston North, Hokowhitu Lagoon. April-May '55. Up to 15 present, including three of pied phase. (I.G.A.) Stewart I. 21/5/55. White-throated phase much more numerous (? 16-1) than pied. (H.R. McK., R.H.T.) Buller River mouth. 8/1/55. 3 of white-throated phase. (T.J.P.)
- STEWART ISLAND SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax carunculatus chalconotus*). Centre Island. 20/10/54. Nests counted 200 plus, on a rock off shore. (O.S.) Stewart I. 20-24/5/55. Plentiful at sea and in harbours, scattered, feeding and flying. c. 200 at a roost at 4 p.m. on Tomahou I. in Paterson Inlet. R.H.T. stated that it was one of several roosts and it would have 300-400 by evening. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)
- SPOTTED SHAG** (*Stictocarbo p. punctatus*). Near Tiritiri I. 27/3/55. 1. (R.B.S.) Huich I., Coromandel. 9/3/55. 1. Off Hautapu Pt. 10/3/55. 1. (A.J.G.) Waimairi Beach, Christchurch. 1 imm. 30/1/55. (T.J.P.)
- WHITE HERON** (*Egretta alba*). L. Forsythe. 8/5/55. 1. (H.R.McK.) Hokitika, Three-mile Creek. 12-26/4/54. 1. 28/4/54. 2. (M.K.P.) Okarito, Waitangi-rotu. 26/10/54. 14 nests counted; mostly with young about 2 weeks old. 1 pair building and taking material from a White-throated Shag's nest. (A.B.) Oreti R., Benmore. 9/8/54. 1 in Price's Lagoon. (R.M.R.) Aparima. 24/6/55. 1. (O.S.)

- BLUE HERON** (*Egretta sacra*). Ruakaka. 21/1/55. 7. (A.G.G.) Karewa I., B.O.P. 28/8/54. 17, of which 7 flew out of a cave. Rabbit I. 17/10/54. 3 nests with 3 eggs each; and other nests building. (B.S.) Whakatane Heads. 8/8/54. New nest in fissure up rock face, no eggs. (C.D.B., K.B.) Muriwai, Gisborne. 21/8/55. 1 pair. (A.B.) Raglan. Harbour population c. 12. (C.P.) Kawhia. 1954. 2 pairs known to have nested. 22/7/55. 9. (W.S.S., J.C.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 2. (H.R.McK. and L.E.W.) Portobello. 10/10/54, one collecting nesting material; 28/11/54, one; 7/2/55, one; 12/2/55, one; 28/2/55, one; 7/3/55, one adult and one juv. feeding; 8/5/55, one feeding. (A.R.H.)
- WHITE-FACED HERON** (*Ardea novaehollandiae*). South Kaipara Heads. '55. 2 on Waionui inlet. (M.A.W.) Waikopu. 24/7/55. 7. (M.d'A., C.D.B.) Awhitu. 8/8/55. 2 settled in a tree and later flew to a pond and fed. (V.M.R.) Whangamata. 29/8/55. 1. Matata Lagoon. 31/8/55. 1. First? records for B.O.P. (R.B.S.) Woodville. 1 seen on 25/8/55 had apparently been in the vicinity for about six months. An interesting inland record. (J.F.R.) Waikanae. 1 pair may have attempted to breed, '54. Oh'au estuary. 16/1/55. 3. (C.A.F., R.B.S.) Porirua. 6/2/55. 3. Pauatahanui. 6/2/55. 8. (B.D.H.) Paremata-Porirua. 28/6/55. Several. (E.D.) Martin's Ck, Westport. 29/12/54. 24. Buller R. 14/1/55. 12. Otira. 2/7/55. 1. (T.J.P.) Turnbull R., S. Westland. 22/10/54. 4. Okuru. 2. (A.B.) Ashley River mouth. 8/5/55. 5. Heathcote-Avon estuary. 24/4/55. 5. 1-7/5/55. 7. (B.D.H., T.J.P.) L. Forsythe. 8/5/55. 7. (H.R.McK.) Kaituna Lagoon. 13/1/55. 3. (D.N.F.C.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 32-36, 32 in one group. Blueskin Bay. 12/5/55. 4. (H.R.McK. and L.E.W.) Portobello. 25/7/54 to 25/10/54. 2 to 9 seen regularly, then none seen till 7/3/55, increasing to 25 on 11/5/55. This bird regularly disappears in summer but returns in larger numbers on opening of shooting season. (A.R.H.) Invercargill est.-Awarua. 11/12/54. 11. 29/1/55. 10. April '55. 19. (R.M.R., O.S.)
- BITTERN** (*Botaurus stellaris poiciloptilus*). Stewart I. 13/1/55. 1 seen at Freshwater River. (J.W.) Awapuni Lagoon, Gisborne. 9/10/55. 1 pair nesting. Whakaki Lagoon, Wairoa. 5/3/55. 8. (A.B., D.M.)
- ROYAL SPOONBILL** (*Platalea leucorodia regia*). Manawatu estuary. 3/4/55. Local fishermen say one back for a week. (E.D.) 9/7/55. 10. (I.G.A., E.D., B.D.H.) Waitangi-roto Ck. 6 counted, 9 reported by Mr Ken Nolan. 3 nests high in old rimu trees. (A.B.)
- CANADA GOOSE** (*Branta canadensis*). Te Anau. 11-13/2/55. Several. Routeburn Huts. Small flock flying. (W.A.W.) Eglinton Valley. 9/4/55. 16 in flight. (N.S.)
- BLACK SWAN** (*Cygnus atratus*). L. Whakaki. 6/5/55. c. 6000 before shooting started.
- PARADISE DUCK** (*Tadorna variegata*). Matata. Development area. 20/6/54. 16 plus. (B.S.) Korohe, L. Taupo. 2 pairs. (A.McG.P.) Whakaki Lagoon, Wairoa. 5/3/55. 5 plus present. (D.M.) Island Creek, Buller Gorge. 27/12/54. 3. Mohokinui R., Seddonville. 1 pair with 8 ducklings. Buller R., near Westport. 14/1/55. 7. (T.J.P.) Koiterangi, Westland. 24/5/54. 5. (M.K.P.) Washdyke, Timaru. 11/5/55. 100 plus. (A.G.G.) Mossburn, Te Anau, Eglinton area. Oct. '54-March '55. Counts on frequent week-ends showed largest flock to be 22. 17/4/55. Lynwood Station. 3 flocks each of 30 plus. 9/4/55. 100 plus at Knobb's Flat. Martin's Bay. Aug. '54. 200 plus. (O.S.) Milford Sound. 12/12/54. Plentiful. (R.M.T.) Mason Bay, Stewart I. 14/1/55. 10 on lagoon in sandhills. 15/1/55. 7 on Duck Creek. (J.W.)
- GREY TEAL** (*Anas gibberifrons*). Pehiri, Gisborne. 5/5/55. 1 shot in error. (A.B.) Portobello. 18/6/55. 20. (A.R.H.)

- BROWN TEAL** (*Anas castanea chlorotis*). Kaeo. 31/1/55 and 4/2/55. c. 120. (R.B.S., V.M.R.) Aug. '55. 39. (T.M.R.) Little Barrier I. Nov. '54. One found in fern c. 200 yards from sea. (C.H.P.) Great Barrier I. 5/9/55. Several colonies which must total c. 300 birds, reported by local inhabitants. (P.A.S.S.)
- SHOVELER** (*Anas rhynchotis variegata*). Poutu Peninsula lakes. Winter '55. Present in small numbers. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK.) Heathcote-Avon estuary. 24/4/55. 100 plus. (T.J.P.) Washdyke, Timaru. 15/4/55. 50 plus. (A.G.G.)
- BLUE DUCK** (*Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*). Mangaokura stream. 22/3/55. 10 in pairs. Rakauroa. 10/6/55. Adult with 3 young. (A.B.) Reported from Mackley River, behind L. Rahui, Buller. (T.J.P.)
- NEW ZEALAND SCAUP** (*Aythya novaeseelandiae*). Rotorua. Usual winter flock in Sulphur Bay. Max. 340 plus on 21/6/55. Hamurana. 31/7/55. c. 180. (M.S.B. et al). Poutu Peninsula lakes. L. Kanono, 26 on 16/7/55. Small numbers elsewhere. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK., R.B.S.) Te Anau. 11 - 13/2/55. Commonly seen. (W.A.W.)
- HARRIER** (*Circus approximans*). Coromandel. 21/10/55 (reported by N. L. Ogilvie). A nest on a steep slope on mound in shoulder-high bracken consisted of a low pile of dry grasses, with slight hollow in top; 4 eggs. (E.G.T.) Rotorua. Single bird regularly visits Kuirau Park, where a few rabbits still hold out. Common in rabbit-infested areas, e.g. Kaharoa, Reporoa and Atiamuri. (M.S.B.) Glenroy. 17/1/55. 1 Harrier and 1 Black-backed Gull on road both feeding on the same hare. (L.E.W.) Te Anau. 11 - 13/4/55. Several. (W.A.W.)
- BUSH HAWK** (*Falco novaeseelandiae*). Kawhia. Rather scarce. (W.S.S.) Rotorua. 12/4/55. 1 chasing sparrows. 15/5/55. Fine specimen, probably female, stooped at ducks on pond near Ward Baths. (M.S.B.) Broken River Valley, Canterbury. 15/1/55. 2, one of which was seen to catch and eat a rabbit. (D.N.F.C.) Near Fohn Lakes, at head of Beansburn Valley. 15/3/55. 1 at c. 1000 feet above the bush line. (B.W.C.)
- BROWN QUAIL** (*Synoicus ypsilophorus*). Tauranga. Steady increase in recent years; parties of up to a dozen seen daily in rough country. (M.H.) 1 flushed in central Manawatu; first seen in 30 years in this locality. (E.D.)
- CHUKOR** (*Alectoris gracca*). Lindis Pass, Otago. 10/10/54. 9 reported by W. F. Brown.
- BANDED RAIL** (*Rallus philippensis*). Paihia-Kawakawa road. 30/11/55. 5 seen. (R. St P.) Kawhia. 1 often seen in township. (W.S.S.)
- NORTH ISLAND WEKA** (*Gallirallus australis greyi*). Arid I. 4/9/55. Heard calling several times. (P.A.S.S.)
- WESTERN WEKA** (*Gallirallus australis australis*). L. Rahui, Buller Gorge. 4/1/55. 2. Mokokinui Mine, Seddonville. 6/1/55. 2. Coal Creek. 6/1/55. 1. (T.J.P.)
- STEWART ISLAND WEKA** (*Gallirallus australis scotti*). Golden Bay, Ulva I. 22/10/54. 1. Observation Rock. 22/10/54. 1. (R.M.J.)
- PUKEKO** (*Porphyrio melanotus*). Clevedon. 14/10/52. 1 pair with 5 chicks. (C.J.S.) Waimangu. 1/11/54. c. 10. Rotorua. 6/7/55. c. 19 on lake front. (M.S.B., R.E.W.F.) L. Taupo. 3/5/55. Common at Tokaanu. (A.A.) Hamurana. 1 or 2 pairs resident. (M.S.B.)
- MARSH CRAKE** (*Porzana pusilla*). Both this and the Spotless Crake (*P. tabuensis*) occur in swamp area behind Hokio Beach, Levin; recorded by F. H. Upton; identification checked with specimens in the Auckland Museum. (E.G.T.)

TAKAHE (*Notornis mantelli*). Clinton Valley. Mid-March '55. Single bird seen by guide between Pompalona and the McKinnon Pass, reported to the Southland Museum. (O.S.)

SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus ostralegus finschi*). Kaiata bank, Parengarenga. 31/1/55. 4. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Tangaihi, Poutu peninsula. 25/4/55 and 30/7/55. 18. (A.P., J.P.) S. Kaipara Heads. 21/11/54. c. 39 summering. (R.B.S.) Clevedon river mouth. 31/3/55. 4. (A.J.G.) Aotea Harbour. 29/1/55. 9. 21/2/55. 20. (C.R.B.) Bowentown, B.O.P. 8/4/55. 11. (B.S.) Kawhia. 18/8/54. 300 plus on shellbank off wharf. 25/2/55. c. 120. 22/7/55. 176 plus. (W.S.S., J.C.) Manawatu estuary. 19/6/54. 3. (B.D.H.) 3/4/55. 5. (E.D.) 9/7/55. 1. (I.G.A.) Okari R., near Cape Foulwind. 11/1/55. 100 plus (T.J.P.) Ashley rivermouth. 1/5/55. 5000 plus. Waimakariri rivermouth. 1/5/55. 104. Heathcote-Avon estuary. 1000 plus. (B.D.H.) L. Linden. 15/1/55. 2. (D.N.F.C.) Warrington. 20/2/55. c. 1500. (L.E.W.) Karitane estuary. 23/8/54. c. 50. (J.W.) Taieri. 29/5/55. 30. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Portobello. 25/4/55. 40 plus. 2/5/55. 60 plus. 7/5/55. Flocks of 60, 50, 45, and stragglers flying to Papanui ocean beach. (A.R.H.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 80 plus. (H.R.McK. and L.E.W.) Eglinton Valley. 24/10/54. 1 pair with 2 chicks at Wesley Creek. (N.S.) Invercargill aerodrome, Oreti estuary, Bluff. Mid-May '55. Hundreds. (R.B.S.) Awarua Bay. 22/1/55. 38. (O.S., R.M.R., N.S.) Stewart I., Old Neck. 23/5/55. c. 408 in flock, apart from a flock of Black Oystercatchers, had evidently migrated south from the S.I. to winter. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)

NORTHERN (VARIABLE) OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus unicolor reischeki*). Parengarenga. 1/2/55. A mixed pair, 1 pied, 1 black, with 2 smudgy young. Houhora. 2 pairs. 3/1/55. 1 pair all black, 1 pair darkly pied. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Tangaihi, Poutu peninsula. 30/7/55. 6. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK.) South Kaipara Heads. 21/11/54. 3. (R.B.S.) Ruakaka. 27/12/54. 4. (B.D.H.) 23/1/55. 4. (A.G.G.) Te Arai-Mangawhai. 20/11/54. 4 pairs. Nest with 2 eggs found on 27/11/54. (A.G.G.) Himatangi. 9/4/55. 1 pied with 1 black. Rangitikei estuary. 9/7/55. 2 pied. (I.G.A.) Turakina rivermouth. 2/4/55. 2. Manawatu estuary. 19/6/54. 13. 3/4/55. 1. (E.D., B.D.H.) Ohau estuary. 16/1/55. 2 pairs. 1 pair all black. 1 pair with some smudgy white. (C.A.F., R.B.S.) Whakatane Heads. 9/9/54. 26. 14/9/54. 20. Smudgy *reischeki* type oystercatchers are scarce here, but may be increasing. (B.S.)

BLACK OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus unicolor unicolor*). Muriwai, Gisborne. 21/8/54. 1 pair. (A.B.) Okari R., Westland. 11/1/55. 5. Heathcote-Avon estuary. 12/11/54. 1. (T.J.P.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 1. Taieri. 29/5/55. 3. (L.E.W., H.R.McK.) Pahia. 7/8/54. 2. Stirling Pt, Bluff. 17/10/54. 8. (R.M.R.) Milford Sound. 12/12/54. 2. (R.M.J.) Stewart I., Old Neck and near Bravo. 23/5/55. 29 and 20 plus. (H.R.McK. and R.H.T.)

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER (*Lobibyx novae-hollandiae*). Awarua. 12/9/54. Pair with 2 well-grown chicks. (O.S.) Oreti Beach. 18/12/54. 3. (R.M.R.) L. Waituna. 17/12/54. 5. 10/1/55. 7. Mataura I. 2. (O.S.) Invercargill aerodrome. 17/5/55. 14. (R.B.S., D.A.U.) L. George. 7/6/55. 8. L. Murihuku and vicinity. 10/6/55. 18. Te Anau. 20/6/55. 2. (O.S.)

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER (*Charadrius dominicus fulvus*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55-3/2/55. Only 1 seen. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Waitotara. 4/4/55. 7 (2 in full breeding plumage). Rangitikei. 2/4/55. 17 (5 being in breeding dress). (B.D.H.) Manawatu estuary. 3/4/55. 27 (8 in breeding dress). (E.D.) Ohau estuary. 16/1/55. 2. (R.B.S., C.A.F.)

BANDED DOTTEREL (*Charadrius bicinctus*). Parengarenga. 1/2/55. Flock of 41. (R.B.S.) Houhora. 3/1/55. c. 70. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Poutu peninsula. 30/7/55. c. 60 on upland field. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK.) Waiheke I., Te

Matuka Bay. 25. (A.J.G.) Waikopu, Whitford. 24/4/55. c. 200, keeping to top undressed pasture. 24/7/55. c. 250. (M.d'A., C.D.B.) Clevedon north. Winter population c. 250; 30/7/55, c. 150; 10/8/55, c. 100; 14/8/55, 60; 28/8/55, 60; 29/8/55, 31; 1/9/55, 5; 3/9/55, 7. (G.K.McK.) Tauranga, Matapihi flats. 24/1/55, c. 20, first seen for many months; 3/2/55, 40 plus; flock of 200 plus seen on 20/2/55 but not again; 5/3/55, 100 plus; 19/3/55, 30 plus; 2/4/55, c. 50; throughout winter till 29/7/55, not more than 10 birds counted in a day with a few also scattered along the open coast. (M.H.) L. Whakaki. 9/5/55. c. 300 on sandhills by beach. (R. St P.) Whatipu, Manukau Heads. 1/5/55. 10. (M.d'A., C.D.B.) Aotea Harbour. 100 plus winter '55. (C.R.B.) Kawhia. 15/5/55. c. 600 on golf links. (W.S.S.) L. Taupo. Breeds near Motuopa Bay. (A.A.) Rangitikei. 2/4/55. 70 plus. (B.D.H.) Manawatu estuary. 3/4/55. 50 plus. (E.D.) Palmerston North. 19/1/55. Nest with 1 egg and hen sitting; chick hatched on 23/1/55; 3 on 27/2/55; then none seen till 15/7/55. (I.G.A.) Hokio beach, Levin. 29/3/55. 5. (B.D.H.) Ohau estuary. 16/1/55. 55 plus, of which 47 were adults. Waikanae. Mid-January. c. 14. (R.B.S., C.A.F.) Orowaiti rivermouth, Westport. 26/12/54. 45 and 1 chick. (T.J.P.) Selwyn R. 8/1/55. 18 adults. Kaituna lagoon. 31/3/55. 27. Otago Harbour. 14/5/55. c. 80. (D.N.F.C.) Mararoa. 27/12/54. 15. (N.S.) Awarua Bay. 22/1/55. Numerous flocks of 14-18 birds. (O.S.; R.M.R., N.S.) L. Hawkins, Invercargill. 17/5/55. c. 80. (R.B.S., D.A.U.) Stewart I., Old Neck. 23/5/55. 40 plus. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)

NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL (*Charadrius obscurus*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55. Not uncommon. Ruakaka. 4/2/55. 10 plus. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Te Arai beach. 2/10/54. 6 pairs on territory; 20/11/54, 6 pairs, 1 nest 1 egg; May '55, 20 birds. (A.G.G.) Okahukura, Kaipara. 23/7/55 and 3/9/55. c. 20 among sand dunes. (A.G.G.) South Kaipara Heads. 21/11/54. 3 pairs, 1 pair with nest, 1 egg. (J.C.D., E.G.T., R.B.S.) Whatipu. 25/10/54. 1 pair. (R.B.S., R.N.B.) 1/5/55. 9. (M.d'A., C.D.B.) Waiheke, Te Matuka Bay. 10/12/54. 2. (A.J.G.) Opoutere and Ohui Beach, B.O.P. 30/8/55. 6 including a pair on territory. Whangamata. 2. Maketu rivermouth. 31/8/55. 1 pair. (R.B.S.) Tauranga Harbour, Panepane. 11/12/54. 1 pair. (B.S.) Awarua Bay, Southland. 22/1/55. 8 among Banded Dotterel. (O.S., R.M.R., N.S.) Stewart I., Old Neck. 23/5/55. 218 plus in one flock, few showing colour. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)

WRYBILL (*Anarhynchus frontalis*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55. 1. Houhora. 3/2/55. 8. Ruakaka. 4/2/55. 1. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Okahukura, Kaipara. 23/7/55. c. 20. 3/9/55. c. 30. (A.G.G.) Rangitikei rivermouth. 2/4/55. 4. Hokio beach, Levin. 29/3/55. 2. (B.D.H.) Manawatu estuary. 3/4/55. 23. (E.D.)

CURLEW (*Numenius madagascariensis*). Awarua Bay. 22/1/55. 3. (O.S., R.M.R., N.S.)

ASIATIC WHIMBREL (*Numenius p. variegatus*). Ashley rivermouth. 1/5/55. 1. (B.D.H.)

BAR-TAILED GODWIT (*Limosa lapponica*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55-3/2/55. c. 5000. Houhora. 3/2/55. 1000 plus. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Ruakaka. 27/12/54. 39. (B.D.H.) 21/1/55. 100 plus. Mangawhai. 20/11/54. 300 plus. (A.G.G.) Pouto peninsula. 30/7/55. 50 at Tangitiki, 35 at Kelly's Bay. Matakoho. 31/7/55. 9. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK.) Okahukura. 23/7/55. 500 plus. 3/9/55. c. 100. (A.G.G.) Wade River. 19/1/55. 6. (A.J.G.) Waikopu, Whitford. 20/2/55. 850 plus. 24/7/55. 110. (M.d'A., C.D.B.) Raglan. 12/2/55. 100 plus, thought to be total summer population. (C.P.) Kawhia. 25/2/55. 1500 plus. 22/7/55. c. 150. (W.S.S., J.C.) Aotea Harbour. 5/2/55. c. 1500. In the dark one can be directed to a flock of godwit by the numerous cries and quacks. These will stop when the birds are on the alert. On your approach a leader gives a single 'quack' and away goes the flock, apparently at this word of command. (C.R.B.)

Bowentown, B.O.P. 9/4/55. c. 300 restless and frightened. (B.S.) Tauranga, Sulphur Pt. Winter '54 count of c. 70 remained constant until first week of October when numbers doubled. 13/10/54 and 30/12/54, c. 400; 11/1/55, 600 plus; 22/2/55 and 19/3/55, c. 500; 9/4/55, 100 plus. Scattered birds throughout winter. (M.H.) Rangitikei R. 2/4/55. 20. Manawatu R. 3/4/55. 40 plus. 9/7/55. 17. (E.D., I.G.A., B.D.H.) 13/1/55. c. 120. (R.B.S.) Petone beach. 4/10/54. 7. (B.D.H.) Orowaiti rivermouth, Westport. Up to 5 between 26/12/54 and 9/1/55. (T.J.P.) Ashley R. 1/5/55. 6. Waimakariri. 1/5/55. 3. Heathcote-Avon estuary. 1/5/55. 300 plus. (B.D.H.) Warrington. 20/2/55. 3000 plus, one-third in breeding plumage. (L.E.W.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 31. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Awarua. 11/10/54. (R.M.R.) 22/1/55. 850 plus (O.S., R.M.R., N.S.) 29/1/55. 154. (R.M.R.) Moko-moko. 20/4/55. 210. (O.S.) Daffodil Bay. 1/5/55. 4. (R.M.R.) Invercargill aerodrome. 17/5/55. 38. (D.A.U., R.B.S.) Awarua Bay. 10/6/55. 109. (O.S.) Stewart I., Old Neck. 23/5/55. c. 160, c. 10 being very red. (H.R.McK.)

TURNSTONE (*Arenaria interpres*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55 - 3/2/55. c. 150. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Te Arai. 18/12/54. 1 with N.Z. Dotterel. Okahukura. 23/7/55 and 3/9/55. 7. (A.G.G.) Invercargill estuary, Awarua. 11/10/54, 7; 29/1/55, 50; 1/5/55, 8. (R.M.R.) Awarua Bay. 22/1/55. 21. (O.S., R.M.R., N.S.)

KNOT (*Calidris canutus*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55 - 3/2/55. Some hundreds. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Ruakaka. 23/1/55. 150 plus. Mangawhai. 20/11/54. c. 200. Okahukura. 23/7/55. 600 plus. (A.G.G.) Awapuni lagoon, Gisborne. 6/11/54. 1. (D.M.) Rangitikei rivermouth. 2/4/55. 7. (B.D.H.) Martin's Creek, Westport. 8/1/55. 9. (T.J.P.) Warrington. 20/2/55. 1. (L.E.W.)

RED-NECKED STINT (*Calidris ruficollis*). Parengarenga. 1/2/55. 1 with Banded Dotterels. (V.M.R., R.B.S.)

PIED STILT (*Himantopus h. leucocephalus*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55. c. 80. Houhora. 3/2/55. c. 30. (V.M.R., R.B.S.) Little Barrier I. July '54. 1 came and stayed for two days. (C.H.P.) Ruakaka. 4/2/55. c. 20. (R.B.S.) Te Arai. 18/12/54. 15. (A.G.G.) Waiheke, Te Matuka Bay. 8/2/55. 11. (A.J.G.) Pouto peninsula. 30/7/55. 12 at Tangitiki, 30 at Punahaere Ck. Matakoho. 31/7/55. 50 plus. (A.P., J.P., H.R.McK.) Raglan. 12/2/55. c. 40. (C.P.) Aotea Harbour. Autumn and winter population '55, 300-400. (C.R.B.) Kawhia. 25/2/55. 75. 22/7/55. c. 250. (W.S.S., J.C.) Whangamata. 30/8/55. 9. Opoutere. 15. (R.B.S.) Tauranga. 2/10/54. 10 - 15 on Matapihi mudflats in spring, rising to 70 in December; summer numbers at Sulphur Pt roost 50 - 80; 9/4/55, c. 120. (M.H.) Young Nicks Head, Gisborne. c. 150 on salt swamp all winter. (A.B.) Whakaki lagoon, Wairoa. 5/3/55. 120, including many immature. (D.M.) 6 - 17/5/55. Best count on one day 150. (R. St P.) L. Taupo, Korohe. Aug. '55. 50 feeding on open swamp. (A.M.G.P.) Breeds near Motuopa Bay. (A.A.) Rangitikei estuary. 9/7/55. c. 40. Foxton beach. 13/1/55. 100 plus. (R.B.S.) Manawatu. 30 plus. Palmerston N. 19/1/55 - 8/2/55. 1 pair with 2 juv. on shingle bed. (I.G.A.) Ohau estuary. 16/1/55. 2 pairs with downy young, 10 adults in flock. Hokeo. 17. Te Horo. 14/1/55. 1 pair with 3 young feathering. Waikanae. 13/1/55. c. 20. (C.A.F., R.B.S.) Waikouaiti. 12/5/55. 20 plus. Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 50 plus. Blueskin Bay. 12/5/55. 12 plus. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Te Anau, mouth of Upukeroro R. 12/2/55. 3. (W.A.W.) Thornbury. 28/8/54. 8. Waimatuku rivermouth. 18/10/54. 7. (R.M.R.) Mararoa R. 27/12/54. 5. (N.S.) Invercargill, L. Hawkins. 17/5/55. c. 50. Bluff. 16/5/55. Some dozen. (D.A.V., R.B.S.)

SOUTHERN SKUA (*Stercorarius skua lonnbergi*). Stirling Pt, Bluff. 26/9/54. 1. (R.M.R.)

- POMARINE SKUA** (*Stercorarius pomarinus*). Parengarenga. 3/2/55. A big skua, chasing a *Caspian Tern*, early in the morning before the haze had cleared, was believed to be a *Pomarine*. During our stay of four days there were no *White-fronted Terns* in the harbour to attract *Arctic Skuas*. (R.B.S., V.M.R.)
- ARCTIC SKUA** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*). Rangitoto-Kawau. 27/3/55. 4. (R.B.S.) Waikanae. 15/1/55. 2. (C.A.F., R.B.S.) Near Kawau. 18/6/55. 1 chased a flock of Red-billed Gulls which were feeding in the water. The Skua was not able to single out one bird, as when chasing terns, because the gulls packed closely together and rose about 500 feet in a flock. (G.H.M.) [A midwinter record of the Arctic Skua is of considerable interest. Previous records in May and August have suggested that these skuas may remain in N.Z. waters throughout the winter. Ed.]
- BLACK-BACKED GULL** (*Larus dominicanus*). Mangawhai. 20/11/54. c. 30 nests with chicks and eggs. Pakiri. 27/11/54. Small colony much more advanced than Mangawhai colony. (A.G.G.) Mairangi Bay. 12/7/55. 2 separate pairs posturing in a circle, dipping up and down. (H.G.W.) Gisborne. 31/10/54. Many nests with eggs. (A.B., D.M.) Rahui, Buller Gorge. 4/1/55. 2. (T.J.P.) Fohn Lakes. 15/3/55. 2. (B.W.C.)
- RED-BILLED GULL** (*Larus novae hollandiae scopulinus*). Mt Maunganui. A small colony bred on the rocks of the north-west corner of the Mount and were there till late February with young. Said to be the first nesting at this point for some years. (M.H.) Rakaia rivermouth. 11/1/55. 51 young birds on shingle bank. (D.N.F.C.)
- BLACK-BILLED GULL** (*Larus bulleri*). Mataitai, Clevedon. 1/5/55. 4. (H.R.McK.) Gisborne Harbour. 5/1/55. 42 nests with young or eggs on old groyne. (D.M.) Ohau estuary. 16/1/55. 2. Hokeo. 24. Waikawa. 2. (C.A.F., R.B.S.) Oreti. 17/5/55. Scores in fields attending the harvesting of the potato crop. (R.B.S., D.A.U.) Stewart I., Old Neck. 23/5/55. 200-300, evidently had gone south to winter. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)
- BLACK-FRONTED TERN** (*Chlidonias hybrida albostratus*). Rangitaiki rivermouth. 2/9/55. 8 juv., probably yearlings. (R.B.S.) Himatangi beach. 9/4/55. 4, one having an almost pure black cap, orange bill, red legs; the other three having grey-speckled heads, dark bills, red legs. Manawatu estuary. 9/7/55. 2. (I.G.A.) Karitane. 12/5/55. 4. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Te Anau, Upukerora R. 12/2/55. 40. (W.A.W.) Mararoa. 27/12/54. 3 nests seen, 1 with 2 eggs, 2 with 1 egg each; one chick also was observed being fed. (N.S.) Stewart I., Old Neck. 10 plus, others flying in Paterson Inlet; these must have come south to winter. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)
- CASPIAN TERN** (*Hydroprogne caspia*). Little Barrier I. 10/8/54. 2 close inshore; seldom seen from the island. (C.H.P.) Mangawhai. 7/11/54. Visited annual breeding grounds, found 30 adults but no trace of nests. (A.G.G., H.R.McK.) Waikopu. 20/2/55. 20. (M.d'A., C.D.B.) Papakura. 18/7/55. 8. (M.L.S.) Matakana I., Tauranga. 17/10/54. 90-100 birds present; 3 nests had 3 eggs each, the rest 1 or 2 eggs. (B.S.) Aotea Harbour. 23/4/55. 15-20; usually 10-15 in the harbour. (C.R.B.) Turakina. 2/4/55. 1. Rangitikei. 1. (B.D.H.) Manawatu rivermouth. 3/4/55. 5. (E.D.) Himatangi beach. 9/4/55. 7. (I.G.A.) Heathcote-Avon estuary. 1/5/55. 31. (B.D.H.) Tauranga Bay, Westport. 11/1/55. 4. Okari R. 2. Waimari beach, Christchurch. 30/1/55. 9. (T.J.P.) Warrington. 20/2/55. 3. (L.E.W.) Portobello. 3/6/55. 5. (A.R.H.) Awarua, Invercargill estuary. 11/10/54. 2. (R.M.R.)
- WHITE-FRONTED TERN** (*Sterna striata*). Parengarenga. 31/1/55-3/2/55. None. Taipa beach. 3/2/55. c. 40, including only one mottled youngster. (R.B.S., V.M.R.) Whatipu. 1/5/55. 650 plus. (M.d'A., C.D.R.) Gisborne. 17/12/55. 18 nests on old groyne. (D.M.) Himatangi beach. 9/4/55. c. 800. (I.G.A.) Hokitika R. 23/10/54. 15. (M.K.P.) Warrington.

- 2/2/55. 1. (L.E.W.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 12. Taieri rivermouth. 19/5/55. c. 400. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Stewart I. 21 - 23/5/55. Some always visible flying or feeding. None resting at Old Neck. (H.R.McK., R.H.T.)
- NEW ZEALAND PIGEON** (*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*). Little Barrier I. 24 in one party on the flat. (E.F.T., A.T.T.C.) Dome Valley, Warkworth. Not uncommon. (A.G.G.) Moumoukai, Clevedon. '54 - '55. More plentiful than for many years. (J.W.StP.) Kawhia. Not numerous, but holding its own. (W.S.S.) Minginui. Max. of up to 35 daily Feb.-March. Food - Feb.-April, tawa, miro, matai, with kahikatea from mid-March; May - June, kahikatea; July, puta-puta-weta and the last of the miro. 20 on a small miro was a fine sight. (R.StP.) Tauhara, Taupo. Plentiful. (A.A.) Ahimanawa Ranges. Widespread and numerous. (M.J.B.) Mangaokura stream, E. Coast. 3/4/55. Very plentiful. (A.B.) Half-way between Taumarunui and Turangi. Plentiful. (A.McG.P.) Mt Arthur Range. Appears to be always numerous. (M.J.B.) Ashley Gorge. 19/1/55. 1. (L.E.W.) Queen's Gardens, Dunedin. 17/6/55. 1 on ground following snow. (W.A.W.) L. Rahui, Westland. 4/1/55. 4. (T.J.P.) Manapouri. Feb. '55. 6 in one tree. (W.A.W.)
- NORTH ISLAND KAKA** (*Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis*). Big Chicken I. 24/2/55. Seen eating berries of *Nothopanax arboreum*. (A.J.G.) Otahuhu. 27/7/55. 2 flying high and calling. (D.P.E.) Moumoukai, Clevedon. Apparently still dwindling. (J.W.StP.) Kawhia. Dec. '54. 3 at head of Kawaroa Ck. (R. H. Meredith) Minginui. Improved numbers, up to 10 seen in one day. (R.StP.) Raukumara Range. 21/3/55. 6 inland from Te Puaia. (A.B.) Ahimanawa Range. 23/1/54. 4 at 3000 ft. (M.J.B.) Taupo. 27/4/55. 1 reported in a gum. (A.A.)
- SOUTH ISLAND KAKA** (*Nestor m. meridionalis*). Flora Saddle. 6/2/55. 3. (M.J.B.) Mt Aspiring Station. Nov. '54. Pair nesting in stump of rotted tree. (L.E.W.) Lower Hollyford Valley. 5/3/55. Seen in fuchsia. (B.W.C.) Lonneker's Bay, Stewart I. 1/1/55. 12 plus in gums. (J.W.) Manapouri. Feb. '55. 1. (W.A.W.)
- KEA** (*Nestor notabilis*). Graham River, Mt Arthur. 6/2/55. 1 in bush at 1500ft; numerous above bush line. (M.J.B.) Franklin Mts. 8/5/55. 12 reported. (O.S.) Dusky Sound. 8/854. Flock of 25 seen. Mr T. Leask reported that the birds tore the sails of the *Comet* to ribbons. (O.S.)
- EASTERN ROSELLA** (*Platycercus eximius*). Whangarei, Kaigoose Valley. 3 reported by Mr N. Millar. The northward spread continues. (H.R.McK.) Gisborne. 1 about for several months. (A.B.) Cave Creek, Eastern Otago. 2/4/55. 2 in *Nothofagus menziesii*. (B.W.C.)
- RED-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus novaeseelandiae*). Big Chicken I. and Hen. I. 25/2/55. Plentiful. (A.J.G.) Little Barrier. Scattered. (E.F.T.)
- YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus auriceps*). Minginui. Up to 7 throughout year. Young bird flying in November. Whirinaki R. 10/4/55. 10. Sometimes seen in company of Whiteheads. (R.StP.) Ahimanawa Range. 23/1/54. 7 seen at c. 3000ft were presumably of this species. (M.J.B.)
- PARAKEET** (Sp?). Graham R., Mt Arthur Range. 6/2/55. 3 at 2000ft. Flora R. 13/5/55. 2 at 2000ft. A single bird at 2300ft, seen at a distance of 20ft, was thought to be *C. malherbi*. (M.J.B.)
- SHINING CUCKOO** (*Chalcites lucidus*). Brown's Bay. 2/6/55. Full call. Bird also seen on three separate days by two reliable observers. (H.G.W.) Heard in the following towns: Matamata, 2/1/55; Te Araroa, 7/1/55; Kai-iwi, 13/1/55; Mokau, 15/1/55. (H.G.W.) Little Barrier I., 5/10/54, first song; 27/3/55, last full song. (C.H.P.) Remuera, 12/9/54, first heard

- in garden, 2 complete calls and several downward slurs; heard and seen next day. (J.C.D.) 8/9/54. 1 singing strongly in the garden; not recorded again till 5/10/54. (R.B.S.) Clevedon, 7/10/54, first song, no slur. Wade R., heard frequently in full song. 9/10/54, Clevedon, first full song. (A.J.G.) 6/10/54 (Miss M. Waters); 7/10/54 (Miss K. Browne). 8/10/54, Ponui Island (P. Chamberlin). Aotea Harbour, first song 12/10/54. (C.R.B.) Waihirere, Gisborne, 4/8/55, first calls reported; plentiful by 23/8/54. (A.B.) Taupo, first heard in late Sept. (A.A.) Minginui, 29/9/54, first seen and heard. October, singing well; one heard at 2 a.m. February, seen, not heard, the last on 20/2/55. (R.StP.) Dawson's Falls, 14-21/1/55, 1 fed by 2 Riros. (A.P., J.P.) Ahimanawa Range, 23/1/54, 3. (M.J.B.) Flora track, 6/2/55. (M.J.B.) Porter's Pass, 15/1/55, 1; Montgomery's Bush, 1; Kennedy's Bush, 12/1/55, 1. (D.N.F.C.) Waioro, 24/10/54, one heard giving last part of song several times before starting first part. Vauxhall, Dunedin, 4/11/54, first heard. Mt Aspiring Station, 29/10/54, 1 in garden. Rakaia Gorge bridge, 17/1/55, 1 singing. Ashley Gorge, 17-18/1/55, calls heard. (L.E.W.) Stewart I., 30/10/54-9/11/54, heard frequently. (R.J.S., K.J.W.M.)
- LONG-TAILED CUCKOO** (*Eudynamis taitensis*). Little Barrier I., 7/3/55, 5 together, this being the annual pre-migration gathering, which usually occurs late in February. (C.H.P.) Clevedon, 11/12/54, 2 a.m., calls heard. 22/12/54, 10.35 p.m., 1 flying south calling, 30/3/55, Miss F. Booker reported one in garden. (H.R.McK.) Rotorua, 17/2/55, several calls at 12.30 a.m. over the lake. (R.B.S.) Minginui, 1/11/54, first seen and heard; 14/1/55, last appearance. (R.StP.) Gisborne, 24/8/55, first call heard; pair in same vicinity as last year. (A.B.) Ahimanawa Range, 23/1/54, 3. Flora Saddle, 6/2/55, heard. (M.J.B.) Colac Bay, 9/1/55, 2. (R.M.R.) Te Anau, Waiiau R., 12/1/55, 1. (N.S.) Manapouri, Feb. '55, 1. (W.A.W.)
- MOREPORK** (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*). Rotorua. A few birds spend the winter in the borough, apparently arriving in March and departing in September. The species may be increasing, though the opossum by appropriating the owls' nesting sites is its worst enemy. In recent years one or two have remained in the town area over the summer months. (M.S.B.) Mangakino and Kingleith. Often heard. (D.G.) Taupo. Not plentiful. (A.A.) Minginui, late June '55, odd ones on bush edge sunning themselves between 3 and 4 p.m. on cold frosty days. (R.StP.) Ashley Gorge. 18/2/55. calling. (L.E.W.) Thomson's Bush, Invercargill. 2/5/55. 1 heard at 6.30 a.m. (R.M.R.)
- KINGFISHER** (*Halcyon sancta vagans*). Parengarenga. Jan. '55. An albino reported. (R.B.S.) Rotorua. Appears in town area in early March and departs for breeding grounds in September. A pair breeds regularly at Hamurana and a few pairs about the lakes. (M.S.B.) Ngongotaha. 7/4/55. 2 in garden. (R.E.W.F.) Minginui. Aug., none; Sept., arrived from lower country or coast for breeding; Oct.-Jan., up to 10; Feb., decreasing; June-July, none. (R.StP.) Taupo. Not common. (A.A.) Ashley Gorge. 18-19/1/55. 2 calling all day. (L.E.W.) Merton-Karitane. 12/5/55. 6. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Lower Flats, Beansburn Valley. 15/3/55. 1. (B.W.C.) Stewart I. 1/11/54. 1 at Observation Rock. (R.J.S.)
- KOOKABURRA** (*Dacelo novaeguineae*). Puhoi rivermouth. 23-31/12/54. 2 family groups seen regularly, one with 1 fledgling, the other with 2. (J.C.D.)
- RIFLEMAN** (*Acanthisitta chloris*). Raukumara Range, Waikareiti track. 22/1/55. Small parties totalling c. 50. (A.B.) Inland from Te Puia, plentiful in 'red birch' country. (A.B.) Opepe, present. (A.A.) Woodville Domain. 12/12/54, 2 pairs. (I.G.A.) Dawson Falls, Mt Egmont. Plentiful. (A.P., J.P.) L. Rahui. 4/1/55. 2. (T.J.P.) Flora track. 6/2/55. Numerous. Mt Arthur country. 9-13/5/55. Numerous throughout.

- (M.J.B.) Castlehill Station, S. Canterbury. 15/1/55. 2 on edge of beech country. Upper Aparima. 27/2/55. 6. (R.M.R.) Manapouri, plentiful. (W.A.W.)
- ROCK WREN (*Xenicus gilviventris*). Head of Forgotten R., Olivine Range. 10/3/55. 2 at 6000ft. (B.W.C.)
- SKYLARK (*Alauda crvensis*). Manapouri - Te Anau. Seen and heard frequently on 'wilderness' flats. (W.A.W.) Centre I. 20/10/54. 13. (O.S.)
- FANTAIL (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*). Gisborne. 21/11/54. Pair, 1 pied, 1 black, feeding 3 pied and 1 black young. (A.B.) Wellington. June '55. 1 black phase in Wilton's Bush. (H.L.S.) Rakaia Bridges. 17/1/55. 2 black, 5 pied. (L.E.W.) Powder Ck. 29/5/55. 4 black, 10 pied. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Camerons. 19/4/54. Several black. (M.K.P.)
- PIED TIT (*Petroica macrocephala toitoi*). Little Barrier. 8/11/54. Pair with nest, 3 chicks. Kawhia. 1 seen (R. H. Meredith); now rare (W.S.S.). Minginui, usual numbers. They must be all through the Murupara and Kaingaroa forest along the roads and fire breaks. 28-29/10/54. Males feeding females. (R.StP.) Spiral Hill, Raurimu. April '55. 1 male. (A.McG.P.) Dawson Falls. 14-21/1/55. Seen daily. (A.P., J.P.) Mangaokura stream, East Coast. 3/4/55. Common. (A.B.) Taupo, frequently seen in the bush. (A.A.) Ahimanawa Range. 23/1/54. Present at 3000ft. (M.J.B.)
- YELLOW-BREASTED TIT (*Petroica m. macrocephala*). Mt Arthur country. 6/2/55, 9-13/5/55. Well distributed. (M.J.B.) Hokitika Gorge. Present. (M.K.P.) L. Rahui 4/1/55, Seddonville 6/1/55, Coal Creek 7/1/55. Plentiful. (T.J.P.) Ashley Gorge. 17/1/55. 1 male. (L.E.W.) Flagstaff, Dunedin. 29/5/55. 1 pair. Powder Ck. 3 males, 1 female. Summit, Waiholā - Taieri mouth road. 2. (H.R.McK., L.E.W.) Manapouri. Common. (W.A.W.) Bluff hill. May '55. 1 singing just the same song as Pied Tits sing on Hen I. (D.A.U., R.B.S.) Stewart I. 4 males seen near Horseshoe Bay. (R.J.S., K.J.W.M.)
- NORTH ISLAND ROBIN (*Petroica australis longipes*). Okataina track. 31/10/54. 2 singing. Horo-horo plateau. 24/10/54. 5 seen, including 4 males, widely dispersed, suggesting extensive territories. (M.S.B., W.J.W.) Minginui. Usual numbers in heavy bush; coming for grubs when posts are being split. (R.StP.) Kaingaroa. 15/7/54. 2. (M.K.P.) Taupo bush. Scarce. (A.A.) Spiral Hill, Raurimu. April '55. 1 in heavy bush. (A.McG.P.) North Egmont. 17/1/55. 1. (A.P., J.P.)
- SOUTH ISLAND ROBIN (*Petroica australis australis*). Flora Saddle and River. 6/2/55. 13/5/55. Takahe R. Appear to be well distributed. (M.J.B.) Camerons. 19/4/54. 1. Hari Hari. 10/10/54. 3 males and 1 female in State Forest No. 41. (M.K.P.) L. Rahui. 4/1/55. 3 males. (T.J.P.) Manapouri. February '55. Several. (W.A.W.)
- STEWART ISLAND ROBIN (*Petroica australis rakiura*). Freshwater R. 13/1/55. Several. (J.W.)
- FERN BIRD (*Bowdleria punctata*). Tauranga, Wairoa rivermouth. Frequently seen and heard, especially during the winter. (M.H.) Minginui. A few seen and more heard throughout the year. (R.StP.) Waimea Ck, Westport. 27/12/54. 1. Fairdown, Buller. 13/1/55. 3. (T.J.P.) Moa Flat. 16/12/54. 2. (A.J.H.) Otatara. 11/5/55. 2. (O.S.) Stewart I., Freshwater Flats. 13-15/1/55. Several seen and heard. Besides 'u-tick', three other distinct calls were heard. (J.W.)
- BROWN CREEPER (*Finschia novaeseelandiae*). Mt Hercules, S. Westland. 23/8/55. 8. (M.J.B.) Te Anau. 16/1/55. 2. (N.S.) Stewart I., Ulva. Plentiful. (R.J.S., K.J.W.M.)
- WHITEHEAD (*Mohoua ochrocephala albicilla*). Mangaokura stream, East Coast. 3/4/55. Large flock feeding on miro. (A.B.) Little Barrier I.

- 8/11/54. Nest 3 eggs, 1 chick. (E.F.T.) Arid I. 4/9/55. 4. (P.A.S.S.) Minginui, up to 80 seen in a day and up to 300 on trips up streams. (R.StP.) Dawson Falls. 14/1/55. Several. (A.P., J.P.) Ahimanawa Range. 23/1/54. Numerous. (M.J.B.)
- YELLOWHEAD** (*Mohoua o. ochrocephala*). Flora R. 13/5/55. 7. 19/6/55. 7 plus. (M.J.B.) Manapouri. Feb. '55. Heard. (W.A.W.)
- GREY WARBLER** (*Gerygone igata*). Horo-Horo plateau. 24/10/54. Common along logging tracks and clearings; 1 pair feeding 2 full-fledged young. (W.J.W., M.S.B.) Minginui. 8/12/54. 3 flying young with parents. May-early August, song much reduced. (R.StP.) Taupo. Not plentiful. (A.A.) Flora track and Mt Arthur Range. Numerous. (M.J.B.) Christchurch. 5/9/55. Nest in *C. macrocarpa*. (T.J.P.)
- SONG THRUSH** (*Turdus ericetorum*). Mairangi Bay, 9/4/55, first song. (H.G.W.) Clevedon, 23/4/55, first song. (A.J.G.) 26/4/53, first song. 23/12/53, last song. 16-19/4/54, first song. Song ceased between 25/12/54 and 5/1/55. (H.R.McK.) Minginui, August-January, singing strongly. February, decreased. March, ceased. April, silent. Song started 18/5/55. June-July, full song. Season appears different from that in lower country. (R.StP.) Rotorua, 7/5/55, first full song 4.30 p.m. Last song 29/12/54, a 'mere travesty'. This species appears to have been declining around Rotorua for a number of years. Blackbirds now outnumber Thrushes by roughly 6 to 1 in the urban area; and in the countryside there has been an estimated decline of 33 per cent over the last 5-7 years. (M.S.B.) Tauranga, 16/1/55, one seen cracking open mud snails (*amphibola*) on the shore; piles of crushed shells show that these snails must here be a common source of food. (M.H.) Botanical Gardens, Dunedin, 1/6/55, one gave full song on the ground. (O.R.C.)
- BLACKBIRD** (*Turdus merula*). Mairangi Bay, 10/6/55, first song. (H.G.W.) Clevedon, '53, song began June 16-19; one bird continuous from July 1; full chorus from August 3; song ceased December 5. '54, 1 singing thrice in March; 1 on July 6; 2 August 3 and 4; regular from August 18; ceased December 8. (H.R.McK.) Minginui, '54, August, no song; September, started to sing on 16th, occasional song in the evenings only; October, song morning and evening; November, song at its best; December-February, good song finishing on March 10; April-July, none. Singing season about three months later than at Clevedon. (R.StP.) Rotorua, 2/8/55, first full song, after some practice in late July. Blackbird song dominates the dawn and evening chorus from September to mid-December. 28/12/54, last song. (M.S.B.)
- DUNNOCK** (*Prunella modularis*). Clevedon, 26/3/54, first autumn song. (A.J.G.) Rotorua, 15/5/55, first full song. Common over the whole of the volcanic highlands in all types of habitat. (M.S.B.) Opoho, Dunedin, 19/9/54, total song output for one day was 182 songs, with a peak between 8.30 and 9 a.m. (J.W.)
- PIPIT** (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*). Widely distributed over the whole of the volcanic highlands. (M.S.B.) Manapouri-Te Anau, commonly seen on 'Wilderness Flats'. (W.A.W.)
- STITCHBIRD** (*Notiomystis cincta*). Little Barrier. 6-12/55/54. Several seen and heard. (E.F.T., A.T.T.C.)
- BELLBIRD** (*Anthornis melanura*). Kawau, Mansion House Bay. 5/2/55. Heard. (A.J.G.) May be found in every sizable patch of bush on the volcanic highlands. Frequent visitor to Rotorua town between Jan. and Sept. (M.S.B.) Minginui. Seen daily; winter, up to 60; summer and autumn, up to 12/ (April 220); estimated 3 present for every 1 seen, and 2 to 1 Tui. Food: fuchsia and the fruit of the wineberry, karamu, kahikatea, hawthorn and puta-puta-weta. Song with that of the Tui was deafening while they were on heavily fruiting kahikatea. (R.StP.) Taupo.

- Common all round the lake. (A.A.) Ahimanawa Range. Many at 3000ft. (M.J.B.) Palmerston North Esplanade. 31/7/55. (I.G.A.) Mt Arthur Range. Numerous. (M.J.B.) Sheffield. 20/12/54. 2. (T.J.P.) Franklin Mts. 8/5/55. Reported to be numerous. (O.S.) Winton. 10/6/55. 2 at honey pots in garden for first time. (N.S.) Centre I. 20/10/54. 1, reported unusual here. (O.S.) Manapouri. Some. (W.A.W.) Bluff hill. 16/5/55. Several. (R.B.S.)
- TUI** (*Prothemadera novaeseelandiae*). Clevedon. 19/12/54. Nest with 2 chicks 25ft up in *C. macrocarpa*; Tuis nested in adjacent tree last year. (A.J.G.) Rotorua. Common in State forest when gums are flowering. (M.S.B.) Taupo. Common round the lake. 'Four years ago, when I first came to Taupo, Bellbirds were in the majority in the gardens, but latterly the Tuis have been in the ascendant.' (A.A.) Minginui. Fewer in winter, but up to 100 seen daily in summer and autumn; seen to feed on fuchsia, cabbage tree, hawthorn, wineberry, puta-puta-weta, kahikatea, and also on cicadas. 18/4/55, 20 feeding at once on one hawthorn tree. (R.StP.) Ahimanawa Range. Present at 3000ft. (M.J.B.) Palmerston North Esplanade. 11/5/55. First for year on flowering gums. (I.G.A.) Manapouri. Some. (W.A.W.) Bluff hill. 16/5/55. 2. (R.B.S.) Stewart I. 22/10/54. Most plentiful bird seen. (R.M.J.) Very abundant. (R.J.S., K.J.W-M.)
- SILVEREYE** (*Zosterops lateralis*). Little Barrier I., July '54, large flocks for a few weeks; usually scarce on the island. (C.H.P.) Clevedon, 16/8/54, partial albino, mostly creamy, reported by Mrs A. R. Browne. (H.R.McK.) Minginui, Aug.-Dec., none seen; Jan.-Feb., up to 15 in a day; March, 90; April, 200; May, 300; June, 400; July, 250; seen to feed on fruit of wineberry, karamu, puta-puta-weta and hawthorn. (R.StP.) Rotorua, 7/7/55, many in chestnut trees preying on a small brown insect; the winter irruptions were the largest for many years. (M.S.B.) Mt Arthur Range, numerous. (M.J.B.)
- GREENFINCH** (*Chloris chloris*). Rotorua rather scarce, a few birds in autumn and winter; no flocks noted in recent years. (M.S.B.) Minginui, Aug.-Feb., up to 6 in a day; March, small flocks; June-July, sometimes up to 300. (R.StP.) Stewart I., reported to feed on black currant bushes. (R.J.S., K.J.W-M.)
- GOLDFINCH** (*Carduelis carduelis*). Clevedon, 6/12/54, nest, 5 eggs, in wattle; 18th, 2 hatched; 19th, 0920 hours 3 chicks, 1645 hours 4 chicks; 20th, 5 chicks; 28th, 2 chicks disappeared; Jan. 2, 2 flew from nest but returned for night; 3rd, 3 flew from nest. (H.R.McK.) Moumoukai, a few small flocks; all finches now decreasing as fern takes charge in waterworks reserve. (J.W.St.P.) Common in summer and autumn, becoming scarcer in the winter when there seems to be a movement down to the coast. (M.S.B.) Minginui, Aug.-Nov., none; Dec.-Feb., small flocks; May-June, up to 300 in a day in flocks; July, decreasing. (R.StP.) Stewart I., common. (K.J.W-M.)
- LESSER REDPOLL** (*Carduelis flammea cabaret*). Parengarenga, 1/2/55, a few. (R.B.S.) Poutu Peninsula, 30/7/55, 2. (A.J., J.P.) Dome Valley, Warkworth, 16/11/54, 8. (A.G.G.) Common and increasing over the whole of the volcanic highlands. (M.S.B.) Minginui, 5/3/55, c. 60; 30/5/55, c. 200; 1/6/55, 12; 3/7/55, c. 2000; 17/7/55, c. 300. The two latter flocks were seen only once. Other than the flocks, only a few odd birds were seen in the year. (R.StP.) Clevedon, Moumoukai, 3/10/54, c. 12. (H.R.McK.) Okura, S. Westland, 22/10/54, very common. (A.B.)
- CHAFFINCH** (*Fringilla coelebs*). Mairangi Bay, 10/3/55, broken song; no more till 26/7/55; by 30/7/55 many in full song. (H.G.W.) Minginui, song started properly by Aug. '54 and ceased in mid-Feb.; 17/7/55, part song. (R.StP.) Manapouri, commonest bird seen. (W.A.W.)

YELLOWHAMMER (*Emberiza citrinella*). Parengarenga, not a common breeding birds in the far north. (R.B.S.) Rotorua, in autumn fairly large flocks appeared, usually contemporary with Chaffinch movements. Also seen feeding with Sparrows in the streets. (M.S.B.) Minginui, '54-'55, only odd birds, no flocks; numbers increase as Rotorua is approached. (R.StP.) Stewart I., a few. (R.J.S., K.J.W-M.)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*). Opoho, Dunedin, 24/2/54-21/5/54. An albino was off-white in February and almost yellow in May. (W.A.W.)

STARLING (*Sturnus vulgaris*). Minginui. Aug.-Dec., up to 150 in a day; Jan.-Feb., fewer; March-June, mostly in two big flocks of c. 500 and c. 2000 feeding on a heavy crop of kahikatea fruit; July, up to 300, the main lot having left; Aug., looking at nest sites; Nov., removing hatched egg shells. (R.StP.) Glink's Gully. 17/7/55. Nest with young. (R.B.S.)

MYNA (*Acridotheres tristis*). Bay of Islands, odd birds reported. (K.C.B.C.) Wellsford, 3/11/54, first seen, now steadily increasing. (A.G.G.) South Kaipara Heads, first seen Oct. '55. (M.A.W.) Parakai, Jan. '55. (R.B.S.) Remuera, heard and seen with increasing frequency at all seasons. (J.C.D.) Tauranga, a rapid increase all over the district. (B.S.) Ngongotaha, 7/7/55, c. 35 near railway yards; some now seen daily. (R.E.W.F.) Now widely distributed over volcanic plateau; but not yet at Taupo. (A.A., M.S.B.)

ROOK (*Corvus frugilegus*). Gisborne. 10/5/55. 1. (A.B.)

WHITE-BACKED MAGPIE (*Gymnorhina hypoleuca*). Piraka, Taumarunui, May '55, 2; Erua, 2 pairs. (A.McG.P.)

KOKAKO (*Callaeas cinerea wilsoni*). Moutoukai, Clevedon. Plentiful in some parts, but seems to have left some outer pieces of bush. (J.W.StP.) Kawhia, head of Kawaroa stream. Odd ones seen by R. H. Meredith. (W.S.S.) Reports based upon two specimens which reached the Auckland Museum (through Department of Internal Affairs) have established the presence of Kokakos in two areas: (1) heavily forested ranges about 6 miles to the west of Ngaruawahia, 3/7/53 (more were seen); (2) the large forest area of the Tutamoe Range, Waimatenui district, North Auckland, 29/8/53, 'on top of the range in dense scrubby bush'. (E.G.T.)

ANNUAL LOCALITY REPORTS

Following a suggestion made at the Annual General Meeting and reported in *Notornis*, Vol. 6, No. 6, localities which are of especial interest because of the large numbers of migratory birds which visit them, have separate reports for themselves. It is hoped that this system of annual locality reports may be extended.

Records for the Firth of Thames were collated by H. R. McKenzie and R. B. Sibson. Manukau Harbour has been divided into three areas: (a) Upper Manukau, extending from Puhea Creek, and the Onehunga-Mangere Bridge to Otahuhu and Westfield; (b) Puketutu flats - Ihumatao; (c) Karaka-Weymouth-Puhinui (H.R.McK., D.A.U., R.B.S.).

REPORT FOR MIRANDA COAST, FIRTH OF THAMES

PIED SHAG. A few penetrate the Firth as far as Waitakaruru and Thames.

WHITE-FACED HERON. One near Waitakaruru on 3/4/55.

PARADISE DUCK. 1 female on Miranda pools 12/6/55.

SHOVELER. 1 female on pools 30/1/55. 1 male on Miranda creek 12/6/55.

BANDED RAIL. 1 pair seen with young just hatched, 10/9/55.

S.I. PIED OYSTERCATCHER. c. 19 summered. By the end of January numbers were up to 300 and on 11/4/55 there were c. 640. 600 plus wintered.