

Date.	Time of Departure.	Approx. time of High Tide.
May 2	9.30 a.m.	6.00 a.m.
May 3	9.50 a.m.	6.50 a.m.
May 6	11.20 a.m.	9.10 a.m.
May 8	2.30 p.m.	10.45 a.m.

iii. **P. C. Bull at Whangapoua.**

Whangapoua Har. (Coromandel Peninsula) May 11: 5 in eclipse in paddock of young grass where they were reported regularly (up to 30 in wet weather). They apparently make regular trips from the paddock to sea (2 miles away) as observed at Mangere.

May 13: 3 dotterel on the ocean side of Matarangi Peninsula. 30 on the sandy mud of the gently shelving harbour side at low tide. All in eclipse, though Mangere birds had in some cases good bands by this date. Possibly the Matarangi Peninsula is a breeding place.

7. **NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL (*Pluviorhynchus obscurus*).**

Counted meticulously. 50-60 would seem to be the population. A few were donning breeding plumage. They were usually in small scattered parties, e.g., 3, 4, 7, 9. Fed busily on sand exposed by receding tide. Also sleeping high and dry on the beach when the tide was low. Distributed over the whole beach from Ahipara-Scott Point; though it was noted that there were hardly any where the beach is backed by vegetation-covered dunes. [May 9-15, 1940 (R.B.S.)]

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8. **WRYBILL PLOVER (*Anarhynchus frontalis*).**

Still breeding as elsewhere recorded on beds of Rakaia, Waimakariri and Ashley Rivers (E.F.S.).

Winter range and distribution indicated in following observations from Muriwai (C.A.F.):—

Date	Wrybill
Dec., 1939	Nil
Feb. 21., 1940	3
Mar. 10, 1940	5
Mar. 23, 1940	(15)
Mar. 31, 1940	None seen
Apr. 7, 1940	(1)
Apr. 21, 1940	23
May 5, 1940	8 (strong west gale, no small waders in afternoon)
May 11, 1940	(4)
May 24, 1940	26
June 9, 1940	82

In previous years small flocks of up to 30 birds have been seen in the Manukau, viz: 1/2/39, March 1937, 24/3/36, April 1937.

Manukau Harbour: 25 May, 1940, flock of 15, very tame, dark breast bands just beginning to show. 5 July, flock of 15, breast bands well developed (P.C.B.).

9. **GODWIT (*Limosa baueri*).**

From the year's reports it is proposed only to list the numbers recorded in various localities on various dates.

Ninety Mile Beach: Only 36 seen, none in breeding plumage 9-15th May, 1940 (R.B.S.).

Whangarei Harbour: About 300 remained winter, 1939 (W.S.).

Manukau Harbour: (particularly the mudflats lying between Puketutu I. and Ihumatao Peninsula).

Feb. 27, 1940: 500 flying over Puketutu—the last large flock seen and migration must have occurred soon after.

Mar. 20: 200 on mudflats.