

Office Use:  **N.Z. MOULT CARD**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF CARD



Species  \_\_\_\_\_

District  \_\_\_\_\_

Locality  \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Observer

Band/ museum number \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  Age

CONDITION OF BIRD: (tick) Wild  Captive  Living   
 Museum specimen  Recently dead  Long dead

MOULT SUMMARY: (tick) In moult  Not in moult

WING:  Left or right ? Score each Feather 0-5

0 = old feather remaining  
 1 = missing or new feather completely in pin  
 2 = New feather emerging and up to 1/3 grown  
 3 = between 1/3 and 2/3 grown  
 4 = from 2/3 to fully grown, but sheath still present  
 5 = fully grown with no sheath remaining

Tertials			Secondaries					Primaries					Outer wing →					
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Inner Tertials (continue in Comments section if > 29 secondaries):

29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
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TAIL: Left half of tail Right half of tail

Score each feather 0 - 5

6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
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COVERTS AND REST OF PLUMAGE: Score each region

Bastard wing  Underwing coverts  Head

Primary coverts  Uppertail coverts  Undertail coverts

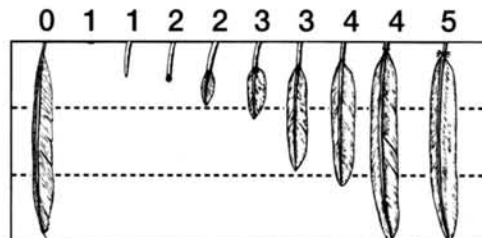
Greater coverts  Upperparts  Underparts

Lesser and median coverts

Score: 0 = All old 2 = Beginning 3 = Middle 4 = Ending 5 = All new

COMMENTS:

O.S.N.Z Moulting Recording Scheme - reference notes

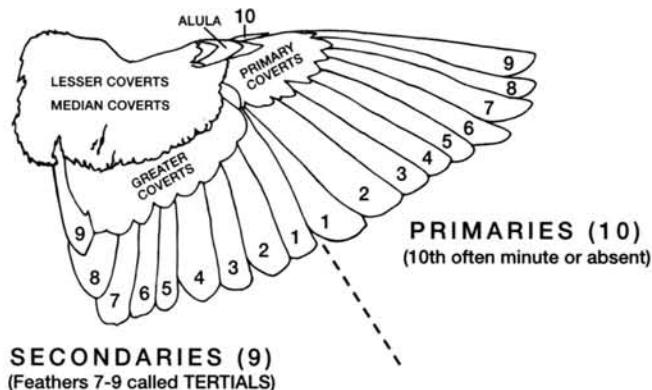


OLD

NEW

The scoring system for major feathers (wing and tail). The dashed horizontal line represents one third and two thirds growth. The numerical scoring system is:  
 0 = Old feather remaining  
 1 = Old feather missing or new feather completely in pin  
 2 = New feather just emerging from the sheath up to one third grown  
 3 = New feather between one and two thirds grown  
 4 = New feather more than two thirds grown and with remains of waxy sheath at base  
 5 = New feather fully developed with no trace of waxy sheath remaining at base

1. Scoring scheme for primaries, secondaries, tertials and tail feathers.



2. Topography of a passerine bird's wing. Passerines show variation in the presence/absence of the 10th (outer) primary. Non-passerines may have many more secondaries/tertials than the 6+3 typical of a passerine. The 'inner tertials' section of the card is to accommodate extra scores for these extra feathers in non-passerines, and the number may exceed the 29 allowed for by the boxes. If necessary, continue 'inner tertials' score in 'comments' box at bottom of card. Figures based on H.B. Ginn & D.S. Melville *Moult in Birds BTO Guide 19* - a recommended reference for those interested in moult study in New Zealand.

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