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Classified Summarised Notes (CSN) are a selection of observations provided by members and friends of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand (OSNZ). This year observations were received from all North Island regions with 262 people contributing. Four members provided individual contributions. The purpose of CSN is to record the results of bird census counts, anecdotal observations of behaviour and to improve our understanding of NZ bird distribution. In general, those observations that do not add to our knowledge of bird distribution as shown in *The Atlas of Bird Distribution in NZ* are ignored. Nest record observations, band recoveries and beach patrol summaries are covered by other OSNZ schemes and usually are not included in CSN. All records from waterfowl to waders and pigeons to passerines were collated by GRP while kiwi to herons plus skuas, gulls and terns were by WL.

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Regional Abbreviations: [FN] Far North; [N] Northland; [A] Auckland; [SA] South Auckland; [Wk] Waikato; [BP] Bay of Plenty; [VP] Volcanic Plateau; [G/W] Gisborne/Wairoa; [T] Taranaki; [Wg] Wanganui; [M] Manawatu; [HB] Hawkes Bay; [Wr] Wairarapa; [W] Wellington.

Abbreviations: ad/s adult/s; asl above sea level; B Beach; BoI Bay of Islands; cen census; c/b colour-banded; ck creek; E East; Est Estuary; FoT Firth of Thames; F Forest; H Harbour; HQ Headquarters; imm/s immatures/s; incl including; I Island; juv/s juvenile/s; km kilometres; Lgn Lagoon; L Lake; mls miles; Mt Mount; NP National Park; nos numbers; Nth north; pr/s pair/s; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; R River; RM River Mouth; Rd Road; Res Reserve; Sth south; SF State Forest; SFP State Forest Park; SP Sewage Ponds; SR Scenic Reserve; Stm Stream; V Valley.

NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI *Apteryx australis*

[G/W] Whinray Res, 1 male & 1 female on 24/9, first record from here (DoC). [VP] Lund Rd, 3 heard at various times April-June (SL). Horohoro, heard in July (PA). [T] Mokau, probings at Maryville mine site in Aug (RJT). [HB] Tarawera, 20 heard over two nights during July, 9 of which were in exotic forest. Eastern Kawekas, 36 heard over eight weeks May-June (DoC).

LITTLE SPOTTED KIWI *A. owenii*

[A] Tiritiri Matangi I, 10 released on 4/7 (MPG).

NEW ZEALAND DABCHICK *Poliocephalus rufpectus*

[N] Dargaville Lakes, 21 on 27/2. Pouto Lakes, 102 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). L Humuhumu, 60 on 2/3 (RJP). [A] L Te Karae, 1 on 20/2. Kereta Sth L, 2 on 20/2 (CRJ). [SA] Tuakau SP, 5 on 17/4 (DJA). [BP] Matata, max. 4 on 17/11 (MS, RMW, AMc). Thorton Lgn, 9 on 23/6 (WMH). L Tamurenu, 13 on 1/5 (JAB). [VP] Sulphur Bay, 48 on 29/5 incl. 43 in flock (GAT). [G/W] Tiniroto Ponds, 2 ads & 3 juvs on 24/10 (RF). [T] L Mangamahoe, 1 on 28/11 (DGM). [Wg] Westmere L, 1 on 6/2 (OCT). [M] Foxton No.1 L, max. 8, breeding. Foxton No.2 L, max. 5, breeding (JL&MM). L Horowhenua, 17 on 23/8 (MO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 10 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae SP, 28 on 18/6 (AJT, KRM).

AUSTRALASIAN LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

[N] Main's Rd, Kauri, 1 on 12/3 (GNG, PMC, LS, SM). Pouto Lakes, 2 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kereta Sth L, 1 on 19/2 (CRJ).

WANDERING ALBATROSS *Diomedea exulans*

[N] Dargaville B, 1 on 31/5 with injured foot. Foot amputated & bird released at Poor Knights on 9/6 (RJP). [BP] Off Motiti I, 1 sub-ad on 13/1 (JH). Off White I, 6 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [W] Cook Strait, 2-3 (Harrison plumage stages 1 & 3) on 14/10 (AJT), 1 on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

ROYAL ALBATROSS *D. epomophora*

[BP] Mt Maungnui-Mayor I, 1 (Nth race) on 18/1 (JH). Off White I, 4 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [W] Cook Strait, 1-2 (Sth race) on 14/10 (AJT), 1 on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

BLACK-BROWED MOLLYMAWK *D. melanophrys*

[BP] Off Mayor & Motiti Is, ads & sub-ads, 1 or 2 mainly in Aug-Oct, 2 identified as of *impavida* race & 1 of *melanophrys* race (JH). White I, 12 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [G/W] Tolaga Bay, 3 10km offshore on 22/1 (GAF). [W] Cook Strait, 2-3 imms. on 11/9, 1-2 on 13/10, 1 ad on 30/4 (AJT), 1 on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

NEW ZEALAND WHITE-CAPPED MOLLYMAWK *D. cauta steadi*

[BP] Off Mayor I, 3 ads & 3 sub-ads in Oct (JH). Off White I, 10 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [M] Foxton B, c30 flying south on 21/5 (JL&MM). [W] Cook Strait, many seen on 22/8 & 28/8 (DS), over 50 on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

SALVIN'S MOLLYMAWK *D. cauta salvini*

[BP] Off Motiti I, 2 ads on 7/8 (JH). [W] Cook Strait, 1-2 on 11/9, 1? on 14/10 (AJT).

GREY-HEADED MOLLYMAWK *D. chrysostoma*

[BP] Off Motiti I, 1 sub-ad on 9/10 (JH). [T] Mokau, 1 found dead having ingested hook & line (DGM).

YELLOW-NOSED MOLLYMAWK *D. chlororhynchos*

[N] The Pinnacles, Poor Knights, 1 ad fed by hand on 19/6/93 (GRP). [BP] Off Karewa I, Mayor I, Pudney Reef, Motiti I, Mt Maunganui, 20 ads & 5 sub-ads seen May-Sept (JH). Off White I, 1 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL).

BULLER'S MOLLYMAWK *D. bulleri*

[W] Cook Strait, 1 on 11/9 (AJT).

LIGHT-MANTLED SOOTY ALBATROSS *Phoebastria palpebrata*

[G/W] Waiapu RM, 1 close inshore on 29/12 & at Nuhaka on 1/2 (DoC). [HB] Napier, 1 close to shore on 18/9 (GJR).

FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER *Puffinus carneipes*

[SA] Stanley I, pr in burrow at Nth end on 6/11, first record for island (GAT, DJR). [BP] BOP waters, first seen 30/9, then regularly through summer, last seen on 4/5 (JH).

BULLER'S SHEARWATER *P. bulleri*

[BP] BOP waters, first seen on 11/9, then regularly through summer, last seen 3/5 (JH). Whale-White Is, 20 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [G/W] Tolaga Bay, 200+ in sight at any one time on 22/1, feeding on 5 cm squid (GAF).

SOOTY SHEARWATER *P. griseus*

[BP] BOP waters, a few at Astrolobe Reef on 18/9 then 2 off Motiti I on 16/10, several halfway Mt Maunganui-Mayor I on 19/10, 1 at Pudney Reef on 24/2 (JH). [W] Cook Strait, several on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER *P. tenuirostris*

[BP] Off Mayor I, 4 seen Dec-Jan (JH).

FLUTTERING SHEARWATER *P. gavia*

[BP] Papamoia, large flocks 0.5 km offshore April/May (PCL). Off Whale I, large nos. 12/9 (AJG, DAL). Off Tirohanga B, 3000+ on 1/5. Off Rangitaiki RM, 2000+ on 2/5 (WMH). [M] Foxton B, present July, Dec-Feb, April, max. c1200 per hour flying north on 12/2 (JL&MM). [W] Wellington H, c3000 near wharf on 1/8, 15 within yacht basin (Seaview) on 31/8 & c5000 on 2/9 (WAW). Cook Strait, many seen on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

COMMON DIVING PETREL *Pelecanoides urinatrix*

[BP] BOP waters, seen regularly July to Jan, then March-June (JH). Whakatane-White I, 2 only on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). Rangitaiki RM, c30 on 28/6/93 (WMH). [W] Cook Strait, 1 on 27/2 (GAT).

GREY PETREL *Procellaria cinerea*

[M] Foxton B, 1 on 21/5 (JL&MM).

BLACK PETREL *P. parkinsoni*

[BP] Mt Maunganui-Mayor I, 1-5 seen between Oct & April (JH).

WESTLAND PETREL *P. westlandica*

[W] Cook Strait, c25 on 13/10, c10 on 30/4, 3+ on 15/5 (AJT).

CAPE PIGEON *Daption capense*

[BP] Mayor-Motiti Is, single birds throughout year with 5 on 11/9 (JH). Whale-White Is, 20 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [W] Cook Strait, 2 on 22/8, many on 28/8 (DS), c300 on 12/5 (RNC, MLF).

ATANTARCTIC FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialisoides*

[BP] Off Mayor I, 1 on 2/9 (JH).

SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL *Macronectes giganteus*

[BP] BOP waters, 4 birds between Aug & June (JH).

NORTHERN GIANT PETREL *M. halli*

[W] Cook Strait, 1 on 22/8 & 16/11 (DS).

GIANT PETREL *Macronectes* sp.

[BP] BOP waters, 11 dark imms. seen June to Oct (JH). White I, 3 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [M] Foxton B, 1 on 19/9 & 18/6 (JL&MM).

FAIRY PRION *Pachyptila turtur*

[BP] BOP waters, several seen on a number of trips Oct-Jan, fighting for offal scraps with red-billed gulls (JH).

BROAD-BILLED PRION *P. vittata*

[Wg] Wanganui, 1 handed in but died on 10/3 (TT, DMM). [W] Strathmore, 1 ad on found alive but died later, following strong southerly storm on 4/9 (GAT).

PYCROFT'S PETREL *Pterodroma pycrofti*

[N] Coppermine & Lady Alice Is, breeding success to late fledging 37% & 51% respectively (RJP).

COOK'S PETREL *P. cookii*

[BP] Off Mayor I, 1 (probably cookii) on 19/10 (JH).

GREY-FACED PETREL *P. macroptera gouldi*

[FN] Motuterakihi I, Kerikeri Inlet, 30 burrows on 23/2 (GRP). [A] Camel I, Piha, 12 burrows on 9/4 (GAT, AJT). [BP] Mt Maunganui-Motiti I, a few July-Feb. A raft of 15-20 seen at rest on sea 2 mls NE of Mt Maunganui on 16/4, 1 imm. found swimming in Tauranga H on 4/2 (JH). Whakatane-White I, common on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). [T] Carr's colony, Urenui, slumping of part of area into sea had undoubtedly destroyed some burrows 27/11 (DGM). New Plymouth, 1 died after hitting power lines 5/9 (ALE).

GREY-BACKED STORM PETREL *Oceanites nereis*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay, 4 single sightings between 5-18 km offshore on 22/1 (GAF).

WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL *Pelagodroma marina*

[FN] Bay Of Islands, c100 on 3/1. [N] Bream Head-Chickens Is, 10 on 12/12 (GRP). [BP] BOP waters, first seen 5/9 then regularly until last seen on 23/2 (JH). Whakatane-White I, 40 on 12/9 (AJG, DAL). Rurima Rocks, 6 on 29/12 & 9/1 (WMH).

BLUE PENGUIN *Eudyptula minor*

[T] Oakura, nesting under houses in Oct (DGM). [Wg] Wanganui, 1 in moult handed in & released 5/3 (TT). [W] Wellington H, average dive length of 1 bird was 13 seconds (range 8-32, n = 4) (AJT).

FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN *Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*

[Wr] Cape Palliser, 1 on 29/11 (TD).

AUSTRALASIAN GANNET *Morus serrator*

[A] Muriwai, 800 prs on 27/10 (BSG, MJT). [SA] Pollock Spit, 83 on 29/5 (DAL). [HB] Napier, large nos. often seen offshore (PWT). Wellington H, c20 within yacht basin (Seaview) on 12/9 (WAW).

MASKED (BLUE-FACED) BOOBY *Sula dactylatra*

[N] Whangarei H, 7 on 3/12. Observed up the Hatea R gliding between wingbeats & spiraling to gain height before flying over Mt Parahaki (PA).

BLACK SHAG *Phalacrocorax carbo*

[SA] FoT, 33 on 21/11, 86 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] L Whangape, 153 on 29/3/92 (AMH, AS&JMR). L Waahi, c310 on 16/4 (DJR, OSNZ). Hamilton L, 4-16 present throughout year (BAF, OSNZ). L Ngaroto, 60 on 21/8 (BAF, FN). [M] Manawatu Est, max. 36 on 12/12. Whirokino, max.

35 at breeding colony on 12/12 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 37 on 13/11, 78 on 26/6. Waitangi Est, 21 on 13/11, 41 on 26/6. Clive Wetlands/Tukituki Est, 25 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). Horseshoe L, 25 on 22/8 (OSNZ). Porangahau Est, 23 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Near Melling Bridge, 3 prs nest building at 'roost site' in macrocarpa (RGP).

PIED SHAG *P. varius*

[N] Pouto Lakes, 43 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Bethell's B, average dive length of 1 bird was 26 seconds (range 21-33, n = 4) (AJT). Orakei Basin, colony lost to trees falling in storm on 11/10 (PAH). [SA] Manukau H, 328 on 28/11, 247 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Waikato RM, c200 in pine trees & c20 in water on 2/4 (AJT), 80 on 24/4 (AMH), 190 on 18/6 (AJG). FoT, 115 on 21/11, 346 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Hamilton L, 2-4 present throughout year (BAF, OSNZ cen). [BP] Tuapiro, 23 on 6/11, 26 on 12/6 (JP). Kaituna Cut, c60 on 14/11 (PCL), 52 on 24/6 (L&GB). Tarawera RM, 52 on 17/11, 20 on 26/6 (RMW). Waiaua Est, 23 on 26/6 (WHS). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 19/6 (P&RS). [HB] Clive outfall, 1 on 12/6 (JGH, CFM). [W] Waikanae Est, 1 on 18/6 (AJT, KRM). Mana I, 1 juv on 21/4 (CM). Makara B, 5 on 27/2 (RGP), 8 on 1/4 (DC). Wellington H, 1 on 18/3 & 22/3 (AM). Somes I, 1 juv roosting with black shags on 21/3 (RGP).

LITTLE BLACK SHAG *P. sulcirostris*

[A] Hobson Bay, flock of 100 on 9/4 (MJT). [SA] Manukau H, 241 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), 99 in one flock at Pollock Spit on 29/5 (DAL). Waikato RM, 60+ on 27/3 (AMH). Miranda, max. 66 on 6/6 (KW). Whitianga, max. 31 on 17/4, present May-Oct (MBM). [Wk] L Whangape, 120 on 29/3/92 (AMH, AS&JMR). Hamilton L, max. of 14 on 7/9 (PCC). [BP] Tauranga H, 170 on 15/6 at Maungatapu (JD). Kaituna Cut, 14 on 24/6 (L&GB). Otamarakau, 10 on 28/6 (WMH). [VP] Sulphur Bay, 130-150 on 24/12 (none nesting), 24 on 28/5 (GAT). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, max. 45 on 31/7. Wairua RM, 129 on 28/5 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, c100 in March, max. 165 on 8/5 (JL&MM, P&RS, AW, WC). Manawatu R, Palmerston North, 60+ on 3/2, 80 in April (P&RS, PFB). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 19 on 13/11, 17 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Waitangi Est, c240 on 17/10 (JGH, CFM), c200 on 25/4 (KVT). Te Awanga, 150+ on 22/2 (BMT). Porangahau Est, c60 on 29/5, 31 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, 59 on 24/4 (AJT), c100 on 1/5 & 10/5 (MAF). Pauatahanui Inlet, 201 on 18/6, largest number to date (OSNZ cen). Hutt RM, 60 on 2/4 (RGP). Wellington H, 76 on 31/8 (WAW).

LITTLE SHAG *P. melanoleucos brevirostris*

[N] Pouto Lakes, 48 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Hobson Bay, resumed nesting after 1 year gap, 20 prs on 12/12 (MJT). [SA] Manukau H, 27 on 28/11, 81 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] L Whangape, 39 on 29/3/92 (AMH, AS&JMR). [BP] Tuapiro, 21 on 6/11 (JP). Maketu Est, 19 on 14/11 (PCL). [VP] Sulphur Bay, 28 on 29/5 (GAT). [HB] Ahuriri Est, c50 on 28/7 (KVT), 44 on 13/11, 36 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Lindale, 1 nest in willow tree on 7/11 (AJT).

SPOTTED SHAG *Stictocarbo punctatus*

[SA] Matingarahi, max. 30 on 28/12 (WNP). [BP] Mt Maunganui, 1 with yellow feet on 13/1, 1 with pinkish-yellow feet on 17/1. On 19/1 2 birds with same coloured feet as 2 above (presumably the same birds). One or two seen regularly 10/2 to 3/5 (JH). [M] Foxton B, 1 on 22/4 (JL&MM). [HB] Clive outfall, 22 (7 imms.) on 26/7 (M&PWT), 12 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Wellington H, 1 bird dived twice for 18 seconds on 14/4 (AJT).

WHITE-FACED HERON *Ardea novaehollandiae*

[SA] Manukau H, 305 on 28/11, 349 on 26/6. FoT, 90 on 21/11, 138 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 91 on 13/11, 55 on 26/6. Porangahau Est, 10 on 14/11, 11 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen).

WHITE HERON *Egretta alba*

[FN] Houhora H, 1 on 9/7 (BHS). [N] Whangarei H, 1 at Port reclamation ponds on 16/12 (GNG, PJM). Waipu Est, 1 on 22/9 (GRP). Burgess I, Ruawai, 2 in breeding plumage on 6/11 (PRS, PMC). [A] Jordan's, Kaipara H, 1 on 7/11 (CRJ). [SA] Sightings at Pahurehure Inlet, Wattle Downs, Waiuku, Kopuku, Miranda, Wharekawa, Thames, Kuaotunu & Whangamata of 1 bird at each site, the 1 at Whangamata feeding on 'inanga' (PH, ERW, AMH, DJ&PJA, WNP, BHS, AJG, BAW, MBM, HMS). [Wk] Patetonga Lgn, 1 in July-Aug (BLP, GK, ASR), 1 again on 28/5 (CAM, MRD). L Kainui, 1 7-10/5 (AKH). [BP] Matata, 1 seen several times throughout year (JAB *et al.*). [VP] L Aniwhenua 1 on 8/6 (JM). L Ohakuri, 1 ad seen to catch 6-10 small fish (probably trout) on 28/5, reported present since 23/4 (GAT). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, 1 on 3/7. Ngamotu Lgn, 1 between 30/4 & 28/5 (GAF). [T] Waitara, 1 in April-May (DGM *et al.*). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 22/5 (JL&MM). L Horowhenua, 1 on 5/7 (D&MS). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 19/6 (JGH, CFM). Haumoana, 1 on 1/10, the last sighting for region in 1993 (BMT). Clive R, 1 on 18/3 was the first sighting for 1994 in the region (KVT), 5 with 1 little egret on 26/5 (M&PWT).

LITTLE EGRET *E. garzetta*

[A] Pollen I, 1 on 18/1 (CRJ). Mangere SP, 2 on 29/5 (HRC). [SA] Conifer Grove, 1 17-25/4 (DJ&PJA, PH). Waiuku, 1 in breeding plumage on 3/5 (AMH). [T] Mokau, 1 on 6/9 (JCM). [HB] Clive outfall, 1 on 22/11 was the last record for the region in 1993. Muddy Ck, Clive, 2 on 22/3 (KVT *et al.*), several sightings by others in Clive area incl. 1 at Black Bridge on Tukituki R on 12/6 (JGH, CFM). [W] Waikanae Est, 1 on 5/8, harassed by gulls (WL).

REEF HERON *E. sacra*

[FN] Reports of 2 at Houhora H & Mangonui H (PRS, JH, BHS). Kerikeri Inlet, 6 chicks fledged from 4 nests. [N] Whangarei H, 2 prs, both raised 3 chicks (GRP). [A] Wenderholm, 4 on 30/1 (C&GS). [BP] Sightings of single birds from Tuapiro, Maketu Est, Little Waihi & Ohiva. Sulphur

Pt, 3 on 6/11. Ohope B, 2 on 25/3 (PCL *et al.*). [HB] Waimarama, 1 on 3/7 & 1/4 (M&PWT). [W] Pukerua Bay, 1 on 14/7 (EG), 2 between Bay & Paekakariki on 5/8 (D&MS). Petone, 2 on 23/9 (DB).

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

[FN] Very few recorded this year in Northland (GRP). Awanui, 15 on 26/11 (DS), 1 on 30/3 (RJP). [N] Oakleigh, 1 on 13/5 (GNG). [A] Parakai, recently arrived flock of 46 on 25/4 (CE). [SA] Aka Aka, max. 120 on 12/6 (AMH, PJA). Otaua sand mine, 13 on 12/6 (AMH). Meremere, 8 on 17/3 (ERW). Kopuku, 3 from 1/8 to 10/10 (DJ&PJA). Miranda, max. 4 on 28/5 (BHS, KW, GNG). Piako, 29 on 25/4, feeding on crickets (BAW), 41 on 21/5 (AJG). Whitianga, max. 3 on 1/5 (MBM). [Wk] Rangiriri, 57 on 17/4, building to 135 on 20/6 (BAW, PCC). Patetonga Lgn, 1 on 28/5 (CAM, MRD). Makora Landing, Patetonga, 14 on 6/8 (ASR). Mill Rd, Paeroa, 2 from 6-13/6 (BAW). Campbell Rd, Walton, 2 on 2/5 (DBT). Wharepoa, 2 in April (RJB). L Ngaroto, max. 55 on 22/8 (BHS, BAF, FN, PCC). Hinuera, 7 in early June (KGB). Cambridge, 3 with 65 White-faced Herons on 20/6 (BHS). Oparau R, Kawhia, 3 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matakana I, 2 on 14/4 (ST). Maketu Est, 2 on 14/11 (PCL). Tarawera RM, max. 16 on 4/5 (WMH, RMW). Kukumoa, max. 16 on 1/7 (WHS). Awaite Wetlands, 21 on 1/8 (JAB). [G/W] Gisborne, max. 23 on 13/10 (JCH). Wairoa, 4 on 25/4 (GAF). [T] Mohakatino, 6 on 25/4 (CL). Waitara, 14 on 25/9 (WBM). New Plymouth, 12 on 26/9 (CL). [Wg] Whangaehu B, 32 on 27/7 (BM). Wanganui, 5 on 19/6 (OCT). [M] Whirokino, c100 on 1/7, 5/7 & 24/9 (D&MS, M&KP). Moutoa, max. c150 on 7/7 (MO), 60 on 30/10, 51 on 22/5 (P&RS). Manawatu Est, max. 8 on 24/1-12/2 (JL&MM, P&RS). Tiakitahuna, 6 on 24/7 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 4 on estuarine mud on 11/12 (RDN, M&PWT), 1 on 22/5 was first record of 1994 for region (JGH, CFM). Clive, 9 present until 24/9 (BMT). Waipukarau, 11 on 25/6 (JGH, CFM). [Wr] Featherston, 12 at golf course at end of April (JL).

AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus poiciloptilus*

[A] Kereta Sth L, 2 on 5/12 (DS). [SA] Mercer Swamp, 2 heard booming on 3/11 (AMH, DAL). Island Block, Kopuku, 3 on 1/9 (AMH). Miranda, 1 flying out of mangroves on 6/7 (KW), 1 on 29/3 (T Birch) & 1 on 10/4 (KW), 1 just south of Miranda hot pools on 26/9 (J Wall), 2 on 7/4 (FN, BHS). Tairua, 1 on 27/1 (MBM). [Wk] L Whangape, 1 flying towards Opuatia Swamp on 15/12 (JRR). Patetonga Lgn, 1 on 6/8 (ASR). L Waahi, 2 on 16/4 (BAW, PDB). Taupiri, 1 on 2/10 (PCC). Lake B, Horsham Downs, 1 on 5/10 (AJT). Hamilton L, 1 on 22/7 (ASR). [BP] Kaituna W/L Res, 1 on 7/5 (DF). Kukumoa, 1 on 26/6 (WHS). [VP] Galatea, 1 on 28/7, 4/9 & 31/10 (Mrs Mascall per KLO). [T] Omata Wetlands, 1 on 23/10 (ALE). [M] Foxton No.1 L, 1 on 3/10 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 2 on 11/12 (JGH, MJ, CFM). Westshore Lgn, 2 calling in late Nov (AEB). Puketapu Swamp, 2 feeding in open on 17/7 (R&TAS). Muddy Ck, Clive, 1 on 4/1 & 4/4 (JGH, CFM), 1 on 2/6 (KVT). Clive outfall, 2 feeding in open on 11/4 (M&PWT). Porangahau Est, 1 on 14/11 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, 1 on 9/5 (MAF).

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

[FN] Houhora H, 3 on 5/6 (V Hensley per RJP). [SA] Otatau sand mine, 3 from 6/2 to 24/4 were very approachable, still present 10/7/94 (AMH). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 13/11, 27-28/11, 11/12 & 6/2 (JGH *et al.*). [Wr] Greytown, 1 at park cricket pitch (BB, OSNZ).

ROYAL SPOONBILL *Platalea regia*

[FN] Parengarenga H, 16 + 3 chicks almost fledged on 30/1 on Nilson's Dam (PRS, LS, JH, IM), 44 on 29/4. Unahi, Rangaunu H, 65 on 29/4. [N] Whangarei H, 22 on 18/9, departed throughout Oct returning (7) on 1/4 rising to 24 by end of June. Counts at all regular haunts still increasing each year (GRP). [A] Sandspit, Warkworth, 1 in June (OSNZ). Mangere SP, 18 on 21/10, then few over summer rising to 36 on 29/5 & 40 on 12/6 (HRC, BRK, BHS). Ponui I, 1 present for a week on 24/5 (AJG). [SA] Weymouth, 7 on 4/11 (BJB). Waiuku, max. 7 on 3/5 (AMH). Clark's B, 5 on 5/11 (S&AC). Waikato RM, 1 on 6/2 (AMH), 3 reported on 23/6 (S Lamont per DAL). Pokeno, 1 at McKenzie swamp on 6-7/5 (DAL). Miranda, max. 3 on 27/10 & 12/6-25/6 (KW, PJA, CRJ). Thames, 1 on 21/5 (AJG). [Wk] Kawhia H, 5 on 13/11, 31 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut/Maketu Est, 3 in Oct & Nov, 12 on 29/5 & 15 on 7/6 (PCL, L&GB, T&AS, MS). Matata, 2 on 24/4 & 15/5 (AMc, JAB). Ohiwa H, 2 on 24/11 (GMc, WHS). [G/W] Waipoua R-Muriwai Lgn, 5 on 6/7, 7 on 19/7 (JCH, MAW). Wairoa Est, 6 on 9/4 increasing to 14 by 1/8 (GAF). [VP] L Aniwhenua, 1 on 13/7 (RW). [T] New Plymouth, 7 on inshore sugarloaf rock on 16/10 (DGM). Urenui R, 1 on 18/4 (WBM). Waitara R, 1 on 5/6 (DGM). [Wg] Wanganui Est, max. 25 on 28/4 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, 60 on 24/9 (M&KP), max. 71 on 7/5 (JL&MM, P&RS, D&MS). Ohau Est, 5 on 25/11 (MO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 4 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen), 41 on 7/4, the first report of year & max. number (PWT). Waitangi Est/Clive, 1 imm. from 28/3 to 1/5 (BMT *et al.*), 2 on 26/6. Porangahau Est, 1 on 29/5 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, max. 14 on 7/3 (MAF, RB *et al.*). Pauatahanui Inlet, mostly sightings of 1 but 3 on 4/12 (OSNZ). Hutt R, 1 upstream of Kennedy-Good Bridge on 4/1 (WAW).

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

[HB] Horseshoe L, 2 on 22/8 (OSNZ). [Wr] Henley L, 2 seen periodically (BW, NH). [W] Waikanae, 1 ad & 1 cygnet on 5/9 (AJT).

BLACK SWAN *C. atratus*

[N] Pouto Lakes, 408 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Te Ngaio Pt, Kaipara H, 165 on 17/10 (GNG). [Wk] L Waahi, 87 on 16/4 (DJR, OSNZ). L Rotokauri, max. 301 on 24/4 (PCC). [BP] Tauranga H, c1000 on 6/11 (RC), 500 on 12/6 (JP). Kaituna Cut, 65 on 20/11 (MS). Thorton Lgn, 78 on 18/11 (L&GB), 49 on 26/6 (RMW). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, max. of 820 on 12/12 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, max. c150 on 25/7. Foxton No.1 L, max. c150 on 25/7. Whirokino, max. c95 on 3/7 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 245 on 13/11, 237 on 26/6. Porangahau Est, 9 on 14/11, 52 on 25/6 (OSNZ

cen). [T] Waitara, pr with 6 cygnets on 5/6 (DGM). [W] Waikanae, c50 on 29/5 (MAF). Berhampore, heard flying at 2215 hours (AJT).

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

[SA] Miranda, 7 on 18/9 (KW, GJE). Whangapoua H, 60 on 19/5 (MBM). [Wk] L Waahi, 266 on 16/4, a marked drop after control measures (DJR, OSNZ). [BP] Matahui Pt, 380 on 12/6 (JP). Little Waihi, 81 on 26/6 (KWB). [G/W] Korito Lgn, max. c1000 on 14/8 & c1100 on 10/4 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 10 on 13/11, 16 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Horseshoe L, 5 on 22/8 (OSNZ). Porangahau Est, 1 on 14/11, 60 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen).

PARADISE SHELDUCK *Tadorna variegata*

[N] Dargaville Lakes, 168 on 27/2. Pouto Lakes, 188 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangere SP, 51 on 15/1 (CRJ). [SA] Manukau H, 87 on 28/11, 96 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Otua, 100+ on 27/3 (AMH). [Wk] L Waahi, 89 on 16/4 (DJR, OSNZ). [BP] Matata, 54 on 26/6 (RMW). Kaharoa F, 2 prs in large trees on 25/10 (KWB, PCL). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, max. 283 on 19/2 (GAF). [M] Ohau Est, 55 on 4/3 (MO). [HB] Ahuriri, 150 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, 163 on 30/10 (DoC/OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, c30 on 7/4 & 12/4 (MAF).

BLUE DUCK *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*

[BP] Kaituna Trout pools, 1 on 20/7 (WT). Takaputahi-Toatoa, 6 on 29/12 (WHS). [VP] Mangorewa Stm, 2 on 3/1 (RF). [HB] Taupo Rd Bridge, Mohaka R, 1 associating with grey duck on 2/9 (JRB). Kaweka Range, Harkness Hut, 1 on 11/2, Mangaturutu Stm, 1 pr on 17/5, Te Puia Lodge, 1 with pr of paradise ducks on 20/5 (RDN). NE Ruahine FP, 28 seen during April (DoC).

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

[SA] Manukau H, 1655 on 28/11, 6961 on 26/6. FoT, 114 on 21/11, 487 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] L Waahi, 320 on 16/4 (DJR, OSNZ). Forest L, max. 350 on 26/6 (ABC, OSNZ). Hamilton L, 3350 on 26/6 (BAF, OSNZ). [BP] Omokoroa, 180 on 12/6. Matata, c200 on 15/8 (PCL), 310 on 26/6 (RMW). [G/W] Matawhero Res, 228 on 25/11 (DoC). Whakaki Lgn, max. 850 on 19/2 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, max. c380 on 10/4 rising to 1500 on 21/5. Foxton No.1 L, max. c150 on 10/4. Moutoa, c200 on 13/3 (JL&MM). [HB] L Opouahi, 16 on 24/7, waterfowl seldom seen here (KVT). Ahuriri Est, 688 on 13/11, 453 on 26/6. Waitangi Est, 100 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen)

GREY DUCK *A. superciliosa*

[SA] Manukau H, 45 on 28/11, 13 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Opuatia Swamp, 52 on small lake on 1/8 (DJR, ICS). [BP] Matata, 14 on 18/11 (L&GB). [HB] Kaweka L, 8 on 12/5 (RDN). [W] Waikanae Est, 2 prs on 29/5 (MAF).

GREY TEAL *A. gracilis*

Nilson's Dam, Waitiki Landing, 73 on 29/4. [N] Whangarei H, 27 on 4/6 (GRP). Pouto Lakes, 41 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangere SP, 534 on 15/1 (CRJ). [SA] Manukau H, 88 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Kidds, Manukau H, 60 on 12/3 (AJG *et al.*), 40 on 20/5/92 (AMH). FoT, 30 on 21/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Opuatia Swamp, c500 on small lake on 1/8 (DJR, ICS). L Waahi, 123 on 16/4 (DJR, AJT). Whangamaire Stm, Taupiri, 18 on 2/10. Taupiri wetland, 10 on 2/10 (PCC). [BP] Kaituna Cut, 10 on 20/11 (MS). L Tamurenu, 50 on 24/4 (JAB). [VP] Sulphur Bay, L Rotorua, 35 on 28/5 (GAT). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, 22 on 19/2 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, c120 on 3/7 decreasing to 1 on 18/9, max. 423 on 29/5 (P&RS, JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 412 on 13/11, 575 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Westshore Lgn/Airport Marsh, c800 on 22/5 (JGH, CFM). Clive, Bell Street Channel, 2 pr with young on 8/11, not reported breeding here before (M&PWT). Horseshoe L, 12 on 22/8 (OSNZ). [W] Waikanae Est, max. 23 on 13/6 (MN, VS). Pauatahanui Inlet, present in small numbers, peak of 21 on 16/4 (OSNZ).

BROWN TEAL *A. aucklandica chlorotis*

[N] Annual trend counts of roost sites of 230 & 110 in January & February showing decline from previous years, however, 60 ads were banded at 1 site and only max. 19 turned up at roost (GRP).

CHESTNUT TEAL *A. castanea*

[M] Manawatu Est, 1 male on 1/7 (D&MS), 2 on 8/5 (P&RS, JL&MM).

NEW ZEALAND SHOVELER *A. rhynchotis variegata*

[FN] Kaikohe SP, 100 + in late April (NM, PA). [N] Pouto Lakes, 19 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangere SP, 9 on 15/1 (CRJ). [SA] Manukau H, 19 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Opuatia Swamp, 25 on small lake (DJR, ICS). [BP] Kaituna Cut, 12 on 20/11 (MS), 20 on 26/6. Matata, 50 on 15/8 (PCL), 140 on 26/6 (RMW). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, max. 850 on 14/8 (GAF). [Wg] Westmere L, 14 on 27/7 (OCT). [M] Manawatu Est, c50 on 24/7, c30 on 7/5 rising to c650 by 22/5 (JL&MM, P&RS). Foxton No.1 L, c100 on 25/7 & 10/4, breeding Oct. Foxton No.2 L, max. c30 on 13/3 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 387 on 13/11, 377 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Westshore Lgn, c200 on 16/5 (KVT). Horseshoe L, 35 on 22/8 (OSNZ). Porangahau Est, 20 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae, max. 900 on Waimeha Lgn on 12/4 (MAF, VL, JS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER *A. clypeata*

[BP] Kaituna Cut, 1 drake in full breeding plumage on 26/6 (PCL).

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP *Aythya novaeseelandiae*

[N] Pouto Lakes, 535 on 26/2 (OSNZ cen). [A] Western Springs, 12 on 17/7 (RJ). [SA] Tuakau SP, 1 on 14/1 (AMH). [Wk] Hamilton L, 1-2 drakes Aug-Feb (BAF, OSNZ). Whakamaru, 25 on wet area on 4/4 (BHS). [BP] Matata, 97 on 26/6 (RMW). L Tamurenu, 18 on 24/6 (JAB). [G/W]

L Waikareiti, 11 on 13/2 (GAF). [Wg] Westmere L, 7 + 5 ducklings on 6/1, 12 on 13/3 (OCT). [HB] Horseshoe L, 67 on 22/8 (OSNZ). [W] Waikanae Est, c50 on 29/5 (MAF).

AUSTRALASIAN HARRIER *Circus approximans*

[Wk] Karapiro, 1 landed near blackbird nest, disturbed by observer (TBT). [HB] Widespread in district (PWT). [W] Cook Strait, 1 flying north on 4/3 & 3 on 30/4 (GAT, AJT).

NEW ZEALAND FALCON *Falco novaeseelandiae*

[Wk] Ngatea, 1 sitting on Macrocarpa stump on 3/4 (BLD). Mt Te Aroha, 1 on 15/8 (JT). [BP] Mt Maunganui, 1 on 31/8 (IP). Mt Tarawera, 1 on 4/7 (JAB). Kukumoa, 1 female harrying domestic pigeons killing 1 on 29/3. Ohope, 1 on 31/3. Waioeka Gorge, 1 on 7/4 (WHS). [VP] Hamaraua, 1 on 15/5 (DW). Manawaha, 2 in 1993 (per KLO). Settler's Rd, SH5, 2 juvs on 14/3 (GB). Mauoa, 1 on 1/8 (IP). Five Mile Bay, Taupo, 1 female on 29/5 (PBB). Pureora HQ, 2 on 1/4 (BHS). [G/W] Wharekopae, 2 on 18/2 (JCH). Gisborne, 1 on 11/8 (DoC). [M] Muhunua E, 1 on 10/2 (MO). [T] Omoana, 1 in May (RJT). [Wg] Wanganui, 1 on 14/11 (OCT), 2 on 2/5 (DMM). Koroniti, juv caught, banded & released on 25/5 (DMM, TT). [HB] Ellis-Wallace Rd, 2 on 15/9 (MGT). Kaweka Range; Makahu Saddle, 1 on 2/3 (BMT), Kiwi Mouth, 1 on 23/6 (RDN). Twyford, 1 on 11/6 (JRW). Te Awanga, 1 pr on 1/5, single birds seen mobbed by magpies on 9/5 and pursuing white dove on 20/5. Clifton, 1 on 14/4 (BMT). [Wr] Landsdowne Golf Course, 1 in April (CS). Greytown, seen mid Sept (MW). [W] Tawa, 1 seen late Aug (SC). Khandallah, 1 on 12/4 & 1 juv on 9/5 (CM). Mahina Bay, 1 with mouse in talons on 5/2 (EG). Sinclair Head, 1 on 23/10 (PR). L Kohangatera, 1 on 10/6 (RGP).

NANKEEN KESTREL *F. cenchroides*

[HB] Te Mata Peak, 1 on 7/9 (D&MS).

CALIFORNIA QUAIL *Callipepla californica*

[HB] Clifton, 2 coveys of 11 & 17 on 19/6 (CMM). [W] Pencarrow Head, 3 ads & 5 half-grown chicks on 6/3 (RGP).

CHUKOR *Alectoris chukar*

[G/W] Waihirere Domain, 1 on 22/3, escapee? (DoC). [HB] Havelock North, 1 on 11/9 (FB).

BROWN QUAIL *Synoicus ypsilophorus*

[FN] Te Pahi, 9 seen around area in July (BHS). Kerikeri Inlet, 5 on 13/4 (DAL). [N] Tutukaka, several seen April-June (GNG). Mt Tiger, downy broods of 6-7, one hatching on 26/12 (RJP). [G/W] Matawhero Res, small covey on 7/8 (DoC). Muriwai, 3 on 14/11 (JCH). Whakaki, 2 on 18/12 (GAF). [HB] Bayview, predominant quail in area (PWT). Fernhill, 2 + 3 chicks on 22/2, 4 on 23/6 (JGH, CFM).

PEAFOWL *Pavo cristatus*

[G/W] Raupunga, 3 on 16/11 (JCH).

BANDED RAIL *Rallus philippensis*

[FN] Karikari Pen, 1 crossing Inland Rd on 1/6 (BG). [SA] Opoutere, 1 pr with 5 chicks, 2nd pr with a large chick plus 1 other pr on 8/2 (BAW). [G/W] Maungawhio Lgn, 2 on 12/2 (CFM, JGH).

NORTH ISLAND WEKA *Gallirallus australis greyi*

[G/W] Reports of 1-6 birds from Whinray Res, Tolaga Bay, Waioeka Gorge & Gisborne (DoC, JCH). Rakauora area, 37 on 16/1 on survey. Gisborne, 26 within city limits on 20/12 (DoC).

SPOTLESS CRAKE *Porzana tabuensis*

[FN] Russell, 3 on 2/9 in dense raupo. [N] Maunu, 2 on 6/9 in raupo/sedge (PA). [SA] Mangatawhiri Dam area, 2 heard and 1 seen on 5/5 (PH). [Wk] Oparau, 1 on 27/3 (PCC). [BP] Matata, 1 on 3/9 (MS). [M] Foxton No.1 L, 2 heard on 27/2 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri, 1 on 11/12 (JGH, MJ, CFM).

MARSH CRAKE *P. pusilla*

[BP] Omokoroa, Cooney Res, 1 + 3 chicks on 22/3 (PM). [HB] Ahuriri, 1 heard at top of estuary in Aug (DoC).

PUKEKO *Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*

[G/W] Matawhero Res, 153 ads & 35 chicks on 25/11 (DoC). [HB] North Pond, Westshore, 7 + 3 chicks on 6/3. Muddy Ck, Clive, 8 + on 23/4 (M&PWT). L Hurimoana, several present on 10/4 (OSNZ).

AUSTRALIAN COOT *Fulica atra australis*

[A] Western Springs, 78 on 17/7 (RJ). [SA] Wattle Downs ponds, 1 on 19/9 (DJ&PJA). [Wk] Forest L, max. 6 on 18/7, min. 1 on 24/4, partial albino June-Sept (ABC, OSNZ). Hamilton L, max. 31 on 22/8, min. 0 on 24/4 (BAF, OSNZ). Cambridge L, 3 on 26/10, 4 + 1 juv on 10/4 (BAF). Whakamaru, 3 on wet area on 4/4 (BHS). [BP] Matata, 5-10 from 3/9-19/11 (MS, RMW, L&GB). L Rotoma, c100 on 22/8 (JAB). [Wg] Westmere L, 41 on 27/2 (OCT). [HB] Horseshoe L, 21 on 22/8 (OSNZ).

SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

[N] Whangarei H, 198 on 6/11, 2642 on 9/3, 1559 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Ruakaka Est, 261 on 29/5. Kelly's Bay, Kaipara H, 610 on 27/2 (D&RC, SJ). Mangawhai Est, 287 on 27/2 (GRP). [A] Tamaki Est, 1 alighted briefly on water on 22/5 (MJT). [SA] Manukau H, 5571 on 28/11, 25671 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), Puhinui, 2000 on 26/3 (AMH, CR). Sunset B, 170 on 16/4 (DJ&PJA). FoT, 2186 on 21/11, 15207 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Colville H, 250 on 1/6 (AV&JVP). Matarangi, 300 on 9/3 (MBM). [Wk] Aotea H, 420 on 13/11. Kawhia H, 819 on 13/11, 3263 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Little Waihi, 71 on 20/11 (GH, RC). Tauranga H, 1378 on 12/6 (BC, JP, PCL,

L&GB). Maketu Est, 123 on 24/6 (L&GB). Ohiwa H, max. 266 on 27/6 (WMH). [G/W] Muriwai Lgn, 38 on 26/6 (GAF). [Wg] Wanganui Est, max. 10 on 20/1 (TT). [M] Foxton B, 1 ad & 1 imm. shot c31/1 (AJT). Manawatu Est, recorded all months, max. 65 on 27/2 (JL&MM, P&RS). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 5 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen), 9 on 19/3 (MTC, ARG, KVT). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, 3 prs + 2 juvs on 30/10 (DoC/OSNZ cen). Porangahau Est, 3 on 14/11, 9 on 29/5 (OSNZ cen). [W] Porirua H, 10 on 5/11 (EG, DS).

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER *H. unicolor*

[FN] Te Werahi B, 10 on 11/7. Rarawa B, 38 on 13/7 (BHS). [N] Okupe B-Whananaki H, 28 ads and 1 juv on 7/2 (BHS). [N] Ruakaka Est, 120 on 9/3 (OSNZ cen). Waipu Est, 158 on 14/8 (AJT, GAP), 187 on 6/11, 195 on 9/3 (OSNZ cen). Mangawhai Est, 52 on 20/10 (GNG). [SA] Kariotahi B, 26 along 10 km on 15/8 (DAL, DJ&PJA). Sunset B, 36 on 16/4 (DJ&PJA). Waikato RM, 28 ads & 3 chicks on 5/12 (PJA *et al.*). Mataitai, 20 (highest ever count) on 25/8 (AJG). FoT, 13 on 21/11, 9 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Colville H, 17 on 1/6 (AV&JVP). New Chums B, Whangapoua, 15 on 31/12 (DMW). Matarangi, 194 on 3/4 (BAW). Whitianga, 38 ads & 4 juvs on 2/3 (MBM). Tairua H, 28 on 3/11 (DGB). Pauanui, 61 on 29/5 (MBM). Opoutere, 35 on 9/9 (DMS). [BP] Tauranga H, 28 prs breeding on 19/11 on Matakana I (DW). Maketu Est, 72 on 26/6 (PCL). Little Waihi, 50-60 in Nov, 30-40 in June (PCL, GH, RC, L&GB, KWB). Rangitaiki RM, min. 6 on 15/8, max. 43 on 26/6 (PCL, RMW *et al.*). Ohope Spit, 29 on 21/9 (WMH). Ohiwa H, max. 133 on 27/6 (WMH, WHS). Waiotahi Est, 12 on 24/11, 14 on 26/6 (WHS). [G/W] Mahia Pen, 44 at 'Cactus' roost on 25/6 (GAF). [M] Ohau Est, 47 on 24/11 with chicks (MO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 2 on 28/7 & 30/9 (KVT). Porangahau Est, 9 on 14/11, 11 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, 2 prs had 4 chicks on 20/1 (BAT). Porirua H, 6 on 5/11 (EG, DS).

AUSTRALASIAN PIED STILT *Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus*

[N] Whangarei H, 435 on 6/11, 619 on 9/3, 334 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), max. 590 at the Port 16/11-16/12 (GNG). Weber's, Kaipara H, 211 on 29/5 (D&RC, MW). [SA] Manukau H, 1169 on 28/11, 3512 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), other counts incl. 310 at Puhinui on 8/8, 562 at Conifer Grove on 28/4, 105 incl. 3 c/b on 30/10 at Pahurehure, 203 at Pollock Spit on 29/5, 400 at Kidds on 4/8, 595 at Seagrove on 25/4 (AMH, ERW, DAL). Waikato RM, 150 on 12/3. Otaua sand mine, 50+ on 24/4 (AMH). FoT, 407 on 21/11, 1975 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Waitakaruru, 1388 on 16/1 (AMH). [Wk] L Whangape, c50 below weir on 17/4 (BAW). Forest L, max. 23 + 2 juvs on 8/8 (ABC, OSNZ). [BP] Matahui Pt, 180 on 12/6 (JP). Kaituna Cut, 188 on 26/6 (L&GB). Rangitaiki RM, max. 87 on 23/6 (WMH, RMW). Ohiwa H, max. 93 on 30/1 (WMH). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, max. 680 on 25/6 (GAF). [Wg] Wanganui Est, max. 130 on 17/3 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, max. 325 on 27/2, 305 on 8/5 (JL&MM, P&RS). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 481 on 13/11, 1104 on 26/6. Waitangi Est, 80 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, 270 on 30/10 (DoC, OSNZ cen). Porangahau Est, 187 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen).

BLACK STILT *H. novaezelandiae*

[A] Hedley's, Kaipara H, 4 all c/b on 12/6 (PP, GAP). [SA] Puhinui, 1 node I on 29/5, 3 on 26/6 (AMH *et al.*).

HYBRID STILT *Himantopus* sp.

[SA] Puhinui, 1F, 2E, 1D2 nodes on 8/8, 1E node on 26/3, 1H & 1F nodes on 29/5, (AMH *et al.*). Waikato RM, 1E node on 12/3. Otatau sand mine, 1E node on 24/4 (AMH). [Wk] Kawhia H, 12 node E or darker in early July (CR, OSNZ). [M] Manawatu Est, 4 on 2/1, all with dark line down centre of belly (JL&MM).

NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL *Charadrius obscurus*

[FN] Cape Reinga-Cape Maria van Diemen, 6 on 24/11 (D&MS). Rarawa B, 11 on 13/7 (BHS). Matai Bay, 3 + 2 chicks on 26/11 (D&MS). [N] Okupe B, 16 + 1 juv on 7/2 (BHS). Whananaki Est, 28 on 27/2, 34 on 28/3 (TG, OSNZ cen). Ngunguru Est, 32 on 28/2, 35 on 29/3, 24 on 29/4 (OSNZ cen). Waipu Est, 51 on 6/11, 38 on 27/2, 32 on 26/4, 40 on 29/4 (AW, OSNZ cen). Mangawhai Est, 93 on 27/2, 95 on 29/3, 82 on 29/4 (GRP, OSNZ cen). [A] Taporā, 51 on 12/3 (GAP, GRP). Pollen I, 5 on 18/11 (CRJ). [SA] Manukau H, 29 on 28/11, 33 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), other counts incl. Kidds, 9 ads & 4 chicks on 31/10 (AJG, OSNZ), at least 15 on 9/12 (D&MS), 18 on 25/4 (DJ&PJA, PH), Seagrove, 28 on 10/4 (AMH). Waikato RM, 10 on 5/12 (PJA *et al.*). Whitford, 10 on 19/2. Mataitai, 33 on 1/4 (DJ&PJA), 45 on 11/4 (AJG). FoT, 10 on 21/11, 32 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Te Matutu Bay, 10 on 4/3. Kaiaua, 5 on 19/6 (CRJ). Colville H, 24 on 31/3 (BAW), 22 on 1/6. Coromandel H, 14 on 1/6 (AV&JVP). Matarangi, 78 on 2/4 (BAW). Whitianga, 10 on 20/2 (MBM), 15 on 31/3 (BAW). Opoutere, 16 on 9/9 (D&MS), 9 prs & 12 chicks on 10/11, 24 on 4/4. Whangamata, 17 on 4/4 (BAW). [Wk] Kawhia H, 14 incl. 5 juvs on Te Motu sandbank on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matakana I, 42 (19 prs + 4 singles) on 19/11 (DW). Ohiwa H, min. 10 (5 prs?) on 21/9, max. 91 on 29/3 (WMH, WHS). Waiotahi Est, 6 ads & 2 fledglings on 30/12. Waiaua Est, max. 10 ads & 2 chicks on 24/11 (WHS). [G/W] Te Araroa, 9 on 1/11, 2 on 28/12 (DoC). Oraka Est, 1 on 6/1 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 31/10 (JL&MM).

BANDED DOTTEREL *C. bicinctus*

[N] Whangarei H, 0 on 6/11, 270 on 9/3, 354 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Mangawhai Est, 95 on 27/2 (GRP). [A] Taporā, 200 on 26/2 (GAP). Pollen I, 88 on 18/1 (CRJ). [SA] Manukau H, 4 on 28/11, 790 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), other counts incl. 48 at Waiuku on 9/7, 50+ at Pollock Spit on 1/3 & Kidds, 400 on 17/3 (AMH, DAL *et al.*). Maraetai Bay, Port Waikato, 36 on 15/5 (AMH). Mataitai, 55 on 1/4 (DJ&PJA), 135 on 19/6 (AJG). Kawakawa Bay, 27 on 1/4 (DJ&PJA). FoT, 160 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Colville H, 52 on 1/6. Coromandel H, 53 on 1/6 (AV&JVP). Matarangi, 200 on 3/4 (BAW). Whitianga, max. 48 on 10/5 (MBM). [BP] Tuapiro, 42 on 12/6 (JP). Tauranga H, 348 at Sulphur Pt and 350 at Airport on 12/6 (JP, KWB, L&GB). Kaituna Cut, 142 on 24/6. Otamarakau, 6 ads & 3 chicks

on 18/11 (L&GB). Ohiwa H, max. 420 on 27/6 (WMH, WHS). Whangaparaoa, 25 on 15/8 (WMH). [VP] Kaimanawa Range, Trig T2, 1 male on 29/12 (KDS). Desert Rd, 2 beside road in Army area on 15/12 (PCB). [G/W] Hicks Bay, 4 ads & 1 chick on 8/12 (WMH). Oraka Est, 50 on 25/6. Whakaki Lgn, 68 on 25/6 (GAF). [Wg] Wanganui Est, 56 on 28/4 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, c80 on 3/7, none Sept-Oct, 2 on 28/11 rising to 80+ on 26/2 & 90 on 4/6 (JL&MM, P&RS, D&MS). Manakau, pr nesting on dry pasture 15/9 (MO). [HB] Westshore Lgn, 157 on 28/2 (M&PWT). Ahuriri Est, 56 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, 570 on 30/10 (DoC/OSNZ cen). Absent from all rivers in winter with small numbers in estuaries (M&PWT). Porangahau Est, 129 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, 6 chicks early Nov (per AJT).

BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL *C. melanops*

[BP] Matata, max. 4 on 20/6 (JAB *et al.*). [G/W] Maungawhio Lgn, 1 on 6/1. Whakamahi Lgn, 3 from 28/5 to 25/6. Whakaki Lgn, 7 on 25/6 (GAF). [T] Waitara, 2 in May are the first seen there (WBM *et al.*). [Wg] Wanganui Est, 1 on 19/10 (CCO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 17 near top of estuary on 2/4, only 3 on 26/6 (R&TAS). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, 137 on 30/10 (DoC/OSNZ). [W] Waikanae Est, 2 on 1/7 (RDB), 3 on 29/8 (BAT).

LARGE SAND DOTTEREL *C. leschenaultii*

[A] Taporā, 1 on 17/10 (GNG).

MONGOLIAN DOTTEREL *C. mongolus*

[FN] Parengarenga H, 1 possibly 2 on 28/2 (GRP, GNG). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 1 from 9/12-1/2 (D&MS, DJ&PJA, PH, AMH).

ORIENTAL DOTTEREL *C. veredus*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 2 possibly 3 on 13/3 (DFB, BAW).

WRYBILL *Anarhynchus frontalis*

[FN] Parengarenga H, 156 on 28/2 (GRP, GNG). [N] Whangarei H, max. 114 on 9/3 (OSNZ cen). Weber's, Kaipara H, 23 on 29/5 (D&RC, MW). [A] Taporā, 30 on 17/10 (GNG), 100+ on 12/3 (GRP, GAP). Mangere SP, 61 on 15/1 (CRJ), 530 in June (OSNZ cen). [SA] Manukau H, 21 on 28/11, 1090 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), other counts incl. 125 at Puhinui on 8/8, max. 720 at Kidds on 17/3, 1025 at Seagrove on 10/4, 88 at Waiuku on 3/5, 76 at Pollock Spit on 29/5 (AMH, DAL, AJG, ERW). Maraetai Bay, Port Waikato, 11 on 15/5 (AMH). Miranda, 1080 on 21/8 (ASR, KW), 27 on 21/11, 2702 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi & Whitianga, single birds on 26/5 & 14/9 (MBM). [BP] Tauranga H, 26 on 29/5 & 38 on 12/6 at Sulphur Pt (RC, KWB, JD). [G/W] Muriwai Lgn, 15 on 26/6 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, 19 on 3/7 (JL&MM), 14 on 5/8 (D&MS), 18 on 25/9 (P&RS), max. 25 on 4/2 (IGA), 19 on 6/2 (GAT). Ohau Est, several on 21/9 (D&MS). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 9/10, 17/10 & 19/3 (M&PWT *et al.*). Porangahau Est, 7 on 14/11, 66 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, 9 early Oct (BB), 1 c/b on 6/1 (RDB, DS).

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis fulva*

[N] Whangarei H, max. 50 on 5/3 (GRP, GNG), 28 on 9/3 (OSNZ cen). [A] Taporā, max. 18 on 17/10 & 30/12 (GRP, GNG, GAP). Jordans, 7 on 7/11 (CRJ). [SA] Manukau H, 55 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen), flocks of 6-53 at Kidds & Seagrove (D&MS, AMH, DJ&PJA). Mataitai, 1 on 19/9, 4 on 9/1 (DJ&PJA, AJG). Matarangi, 13 on 3/4. Opoutere, 1 on 10/11 (BAW). [BP] Maketu Est, 20 on 28/10 (MG per PCL). Ohiwa H, max. 12 on 15/2 (WMH, WHS). [G/W] Ngamotu Lgn, max. 18 on 7/11 (GAF). [T] Waiongona Est, 1 on 22/10 (DGM). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 24/9, 14 on 3/11, max. 23 on 13/11 (IGA *et al.*), 15 on 6/2 (GAT), last 1 on 10/4 (IGA *et al.*). [HB] Ahuriri Est, first birds, 4 on 7/10 (KVT), 24 on 7/11 (JGH, CFM), 16 still present on 2/4 and 1 on 17/4 (R&TAS).

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

[FN] Dick Ulrich Rd, 15 on 1/6 (BG). [A] Onewa Rd roundabout, nest of 4 eggs on 30/5, later hatched chicks (JED). [SA] Manukau H, 70 on 28/11, 85 on 26/6. FoT, 24 on 21/11, 108 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Papamoa, 20-30 in Aug, Sept & June (PCL). Kaituna Cut, 205 on 26/6. Little Waihi, 88 on 24/6 (L&GB). [G/W] Korito Lgn, 585 on 14/8, 360 on 25/6 (GAF). [Wg] Wanganui Est, max. 6 on 26/4 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, max. c55 on 19/6. Moutoa, 250+ on 3/7 (JL&MM). [HB] Back Ridge Bivy, Kawekas, 1300m asl 2 heard at night on 21/6 (RDN). Ahuriri Est, 163 on 13/11, 19 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Puketitiri, 158 on ploughed field on 6/12 (R&TAS). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, 551 on 30/10 (DoC/OSNZ cen). Porangahau Est, 58 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen).

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

[N] Waipu, 34 on 20/11 (GRP). [A] Taporā, 100 on 26/2 (GAP). [SA] Manukau H, 187 on 28/11, 75 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), other records incl. Kidds, max. 400 on 17/3 (DAL *et al.*), Pollock Spit, 26 on 1/3 (AMH). FoT, 138 on 21/11, 2 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H, 70 at Bowentown & 220 at Matakana I on 6/11, still 18 on 12/6 (BC). Kaituna Cut, 32 on 20/11 (L&GB). [G/W] Mahia Pen, 9 on 11/6 (GAF). [T] Waiongona Est, 1 on 22/10 (DGM). [M] Manawatu Est, max. 5 from 30/10 to 24/1 (JL&MM, P&RS, IGA). Ohau Est, 1 on 21/9 (D&MS). [HB] Westshore Lgn, 4 feeding on floating weed on 22/11 (M&PWT). [W] Waikanae Est, 2 early Oct (BB).

LESSER KNOT *Calidris canutus*

[FN] Parengarenga H, c6000 on 7/11 (GRP). [N] Whangarei H, 2575 on 6/11 (OSNZ cen), max. c6500 on 16/11 at Port (GRP, GNG), 1140 on 9/3, 2 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Mangawhai Est, max. 448 on 14/1 (GRP, GNG, MM). [SA] Manukau H, 10123 on 28/11, 3961 on 26/6. FoT, 1599 on 21/11, 973 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu Est, 93 on 14/11 (PCL). [Wg] Wanganui Est, 16 on 11/10 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 28/8 in breeding plumage, 21 on 19/9 to max. c380 on 30/12, 1 on 18/6 (JL&MM, P&RS). Ohau Est, 6 on 25/11 (MO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 28 on 13/11, 0 on 26/6. Porangahau Est, 4 on 14/11, 0 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Pauatahanui Inlet, 1 on 5/11 (EG, DS).

GREAT KNOT *C. tenuirostris*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 1 on 1/2 (AMH), & 25/4 (DJ&PJA, PH). [Wg] Wanganui Est, 1 on 11/10 (TT). [Wr] L Wairarapa, 1 500m south of Oporua floodway (CM, TH).

CURLEW SANDPIPER *C. ferruginea*

[FN] Parengarenga H, 12 on 24/10 (RJP). [N] Mangawhai, 1 on 20/10 (GNG). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 3 on 21/9 climbing to 27 on 20/3 (AMH, DJ&PJA, DAL, KH, OSNZ), 11 on 19/5/92. Seagrove, 28 on 10/4 (AMH). Miranda, 2 on 10/9 climbing to max. of 20 from 15/11-27/12 (BHS *et al.*). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 from 25/9 to 30/10, but 3 on 2/10 (P&RS, EG).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER *C. acuminata*

[A] Taporā, 1 on 12/1 (GNG, PJM). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 4-8 from 3/10-1/1 (DJ&PJA, PH, DAL), 5 on 10/2/92 (AMH). Miranda, from 1 (in breeding plumage) on 3/9 to max. of 8 from 13/2-11/3 (AS&JMR, SJD, SH, BHS, KW, WNP). [G/W] Ngamotu Lgn, 1 on 7/11 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 18/10, 2 on 24/10, 3 on 31/12, 2 on 27/2 (EG, IGA, JL&MM, P&RS, D&MS, AJT), flock of 8 sandpipers on 5/2 (IGA). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 7/10 (KVT). Westshore Lgn, 3 on 4/1 & 22/2. L Poukawa, 2 on 22/1 (JGH, CFM).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER *C. melanotos*

[SA] Karaka, Manukau H, 1 on 9/12 (D&MS). Miranda, 1 from 15/11 to 5/3 (KW, PJA *et al.*). [G/W] Maungawhio Lgn, 1 on 6/1 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 28/11, 3 from 4/12 to 27/2, 2 to 13/3 (IGA, JL&MM, P&RS, D&MS, AJT). Ohau Est, 1 on 25/11 (MO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 17/10 (JGH, CFM, M&PWT). Porangahau Est, 2 on 13/3 (OSNZ).

RED-NECKED STINT *C. ruficollis*

[FN] Parengarenga H, 10 on 24/10 (RJP). [N] Mangawhai Est, 2 overwintered and through to 27/2 (GRP, GNG, MM). [A] Taporā, 13 on 17/10, 12 on 12/1 (GNG *et al.*). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 1 on 4/8 climbing to 13 from 28/11 to 1/1, down to 3 on 25/4, still 2 on 26/6 (OSNZ *et al.*). Miranda, 1 on 16/10, 3 on 11/12 then 2 from 13/12 to 20/2 & 1 on 9/3 (KW, DMS, RJ&BGL). [BP] Kaituna Cut, 1 on 20/11 (KWB). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 from 25/9 to 3/1 with 2 on 18/10 (JL&MM, P&RS, EG). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 17/10 (JGH, CFM), 2 on 23/10 (GRP) & 13/11 (OSNZ cen). Westshore Lgn, 3 on 22/2 (JGH, CFM), 1 still present on 19/3 (KVT). Porangahau Est, 5 on 14/11 (OSNZ cen).

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Limicola falcinellus*

[SA] Miranda, 1 from 7/12 to 19/6 (D&MS, PJA *et al.*).

EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis*

[N] Waipu, 1 overwintered then through to March (GRP, GNG). Kirikiri Inlet, Kaipara H, 1 on 21/12 (GNG). [SA] Manukau H, 6 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). Miranda, 7 on 14/7, increased to 9 by 24/12 & 11 by 2/1 through to 23/2, 9 on 16/3, seen at Kaiaua & Access Bay (KW, SC, PJA, AMH, D&MS, CRJ). [Wk] Kawhia H, 1 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H, 1 in Aug (MC). Little Waihi, 1 on 20/11 (RC, GH). Ohiwa H, 1 on 16/12 & 30/1 (WMH). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 24/1 (JL&MM). [HB] Waitangi Est, 1 on 5/11 (BMT), & 6/11 (JGH, CFM), first record for Napier area.

ASIATIC WHIMBREL *N. phaeopus variegatus*

[FN] Parengarenga H, max. 40+ on 28/2 (GRP, GNG, RJP). [N] Whangarei H, max. 35 on 5/2, highest count yet (GRP). [A] Taporā, 23 on 30/12 (GRP, GAP). Jordan's, Kaipara H, 18 on 1/3 (GNG, CB, PRS). [SA] Kirks, Manukau H, 1 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). Yates Dam, 1 on 26/6. Miranda, 1 on 4/9 (WNP), 2 on 15/9 (FN) through to 21/11 (OSNZ cen), 1 on 27/3 (DAL). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 from 28/11 to 13/3 (IGA, JL&MM, P&RS, AJ&BAT).

AMERICAN WHIMBREL *N. phaeopus hudsonicus*

[HB] Ahuriri, 1 on 16/10 (R&TAS *et al.*) to end of Oct.

WHIMBREL *Numenius* sp.

[SA] Manukau H, 4 at Kidds on 19/12 (DJ&PJA), 27 at Seagrove on 10/4 (AMH). Yates Dam, 3 on 26/6 (WNP). Miranda, 1 on 12/7, 21/8 & 3/2 (D&MS, AS&JMR, KW). [Wk] Kawhia H, 1 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H, 1 on 12/6. Kaituna Cut, 3 on 20/11 (L&GB). Ohiwa H, 12 on 30/1 & 29/3 (WMH, WHS). [G/W] Maungawhio Lgn, 14 on 12/2 (JGH, CFM). Oraka Est, 2 on 29/8, 6 on 19/3. Ngamotu Lgn, 1 on 10/1 (GAF).

LITTLE WHIMBREL *N. minutus*

[SA] Miranda, 1 on 13/1 & 16/1, not seen again until 25/3, last seen 24/4 (KW, AMH, FN, BDH).

EASTERN BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica baueri*

[N] Whangarei H, 4090 on 6/11 (OSNZ cen), max. 7200 on 5/2 (GRP, GNG), 2727 on 9/3, 411 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Mangawhai Est, max. 554 on 27/2 (GRP, GNG, MM). Kelly's Bay, Kaipara H, 250 on 27/2 (D&RC, SJ). [A] Taporā, 3000 on 17/10 (GNG). [SA] Manukau H, 11053 on 28/11, 2547 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), 1 bird with orange flag at Puhinui on 8/8 (AMH *et al.*). FoT, 2125 on 21/11, 786 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi, 220 on 3/4 (BAW). [Wk] Aotea H, 1280 on 13/11. Kawhia H, 3883 on 13/11, c600 (incomplete count) on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H, 3120 on 6/11, 618 on 12/6 (OSNZ). Kaituna Cut, 80 on 20/11, 2 on 26/6 (L&GB). Maketu Est, 530 on 14/11, 60 on 26/6 (KWB, PCL). Little Waihi, 800 on 20/11 (RC, GH). Ohiwa H, 2800 on 24/11, 4000 on 29/3, 450 on 27/6 (WMH).

[G/W] Muriwai Lgn, 131 on 14/11 (JCH). Whakaki Lgn, max. 151 on 19/2. Oraka Est, max. 102 on 20/11. Wairoa Est, max. 101 on 7/11 (GAF). [Wg] Wanganui Est, max. 56 on 4/11 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, 42 on 3/7 rising Sept to max. 520 by 30/10 (JL&MM, P&RS, D&MS, M&KP). Ohau Est, 55 on 25/11 (MO). [HB] Ahuriri Est, first arrivals noted on 28/9 (ARG), max. c400 on 2/11 (OSNZ), 46 on 26/6. Porangahau Est, 250 on 14/11, c64 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae Est, 3 on 30/10 (EG). Pauatahanui Inlet, max. 15 on 5/11 (EG, VW, DS).

ASIATIC BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *L. limosa melanuroides*

[FN] Kapowairua, 1 on 28/10 (GRP). [A] Mangere, 2 on 23/3 (MFG). [SA] Miranda, 1 seen 4 times between 18/8-1/5 (KW, AMH). [BP] Maketu Est, 1 on 28/10 (MG per PCL).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT *L. haemastica*

[SA] Miranda, 1 on 16/1 (AMH).

SIBERIAN TATTLER *Tringa brevipes*

[FN] The Bluff, 90 Mile B, 1 on 26/10 (GRP). [A] Jordan's, Kaipara H, 1 on 7/11 (CRJ), 2 on 15/1, 27/2 & 1/3 (ACR, SJD, GNG, CB, PRS). [SA] Miranda, 1 on 12/7 (D&MS) & 25/7 (KW). Matarangi, 3 on 3/4 (BAW). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 from 30/10 to 13/3 (JL&MM, P&RS, D&MS, IGA, BAT).

TATTLER sp.

[SA] Pakuranga Ck, 1 on 12/4/92 (AMH).

MARSH SANDPIPER *T. stagnatilis*

[FN] Parengarenga H, 3 on 24/10 (RJP). [A] Jordan's, Kaipara H, 4 on 27/2 (ACR), 3 on 1/3 (GNG, CB, PRS). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 2 from 3/10 to 1/1 (DJ&PJA, DAL), 1 on 1/2 (AMH). Whitford, 1 on 19/2 (RJ&BGL). Mataitai, 1 on 1/4 (DJ&PJA). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, 1 from 6/1 to 13/1 (GAF).

LESSER YELLOWLEGS *T. flavipes*

[HB] Ahuriri Est, first seen near top of estuary on 4/1 (JGH, CFM, M&PWT), again on 8-9/1 (OSNZ).

TEREK SANDPIPER *T. terek*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H, 1 from 1/2 to 20/3 (OSNZ, KH, AMH). Pakuranga Ck, 2 on 12/4/92 (AMH). Miranda, 1 from 8/11 to 23/11, 2 from 24/12 to 24/3 then 1 from 22/5 to 19/6 (KW, AMH, PJA, D&MS).

BROWN SKUA *Catharacta skua lonnbergi*

[A] 1 in care of Bird Rescue in July (PAH). [BP] Off Motiti I, 1 on 7/8 (JH). [W] Cook Strait, 1 on 13/10 (AJT).

SOUTH POLAR SKUA *C. macormicki*

[A] Hauraki Gulf, 1 possible dark phase on 23/2, 1 probable juv on 23/3 (CRJ). [W] Cook Strait, 1 on 13/10 (AJT).

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

[Wk] Kawhia H, 1 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] BOP waters 18 individuals seen Nov-April (PCL, WMH, WHS). [M] Foxton B, max. 3 24/12-1/4 (JL&MM). [HB] Westshore, 1 on 20/1 (AEB). Te Awanga, 3 on 7/1 (BMT).

POMARINE SKUA *S. pomarinus*

[M] Foxton B, 1 on 28/12 (JL&MM).

SKUA *Stercorarius* sp.

[A] Bethell's B, 8 at dusk, incl. 2 large (probably pomarines) on 8/4 (GAT, AJT).

SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus dominicanus dominicanus*

[SA] Manukau H, 313 on 28/11, 349 on 26/6. FoT, 262 on 21/11, 137 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Kawhia H, 36 + 7 chicks at Te Motu I, 5 on nests with 4 large chicks at Opeope Rocks on 20/12 (BAW, HJC, TBT). [BP] Panepane Pt, 702 on 12/6. Kaituna Cut, 185 on 24/6. Maketu Est, 400 on 24/6 (L&GB). [M] Manawatu Est, 1000 + feeding on pilchards on 26/12 (JL&MM), c500 nesting, many empty nests on 6/2 (IGA). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 135 on 26/6. Waitangi Est, 409 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen). Ngaruroro R, Whanawhana-Fernhill, c2000 on 30/10, (DoC/OSNZ cen). Tukituki Est, 142 on 13/11. Porangahau Est, 185 on 14/11 (OSNZ cen).

RED-BILLED GULL *L. novaehollandiae scopulinus*

[SA] Manukau H, 38 on 28/11, 691 on 26/6. FoT, 499 on 21/11, 652 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Paku Mt, Tairua, 170 + 50 nests on 3/11 (DGB). Radar Pt, Cuvier I, c100 roosting at night on 12/9 (PJT). [Wk] Kawhia H, c32 on nests on 20/12 (BAW, HJC, TBT). [BP] Maketu Est, 1600 on 24/6 (L&GB). Rangitaiki RM, 355 on 26/6 (RMW). [M] Manawatu Est, max. c800 roosting at dusk on 24/7 (JL&MM). [HB] Napier, c200 on Marine Parade on 20/4 (M&PWT).

BLACK-BILLED GULL *L. bulleri*

[A] Rat I, Kaipara H, a few prs nesting with terns & red-billed gulls on 6/11 (CB, JD, MJ). [SA] Kidd's, Manukau H, max. 70-80 on 31/10, 8 nests on 1/1 (OSNZ). Mataitai, max. 73 on 17/11 (AJG, DJ&PJA). Kawakawa Bay, 21 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). FoT, 328 on 21/11 (OSNZ cen). Miranda, max. 150 on 10/10 but no sign of nesting (KW, PJA, GJE *et al.*). [BP] Ohiwa H, 7 on 26/11, 11 on 30/1 (WMH). [VP] Sulphur Bay, 410 + ads & 186 + chicks (2 just fledged) in mixed colony with red-billed gulls on 24/12 (GAT). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, 149 on 19/2 (GAF). [M] Manawatu Est, 100 + on 26/12 (JL&MM). [HB] Ngaruroro R, 15 on 30/10,

Whanawhana to Fernhill (DoC/OSNZ cen). Napier, c150 on Marine Parade on 28/5 (PWT). Waitangi Est, colony of c300 + c30 chicks on 16/1, many still sitting on nests (M&PWT). Clive wetlands, 28 on 13/11. Tukituki Est, 29 on 13/11, 102 on 26/6. Porangahau Est, 16 on 14/11, 21 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen).

WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus*

[A] Mangere SP, 1 in eclipse plumage on 28/11 (GJE). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 in non-breeding plumage on 6/2 (AJT, GAT). [W] Waikanae Est, 1 in non-breeding plumage on 5-6/3 & 27/3 (AJT).

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

[HB] Ahuriri Est, 1 on 6/6 was the first sighting for about a year (M&PWT). Other sightings since incl. 26/6 (OSNZ cen).

BLACK-FRONTED TERN *Sterna albostrata*

[BP] Rurima Rocks, 1 first year bird on 7/5, 1 ad midway between Rurimas & Rangitaiki RM on 7/5 (WMH). Rangitaiki RM, present May-July, max. 19 on 26/6 (WHS, WMH, RMW). Tarawera RM, 2 on 18/11 (L&GB). [G/W] Whakaki Lgn, 2 on 13/2 (CFM, JGH). [M] Manawatu Est, 1 on 1-5/2 & 12/3 (JL&MM), 2 on 6/2 (GAT, AJT). [HB] Napier, last report for 1993 was 20 ads on 10/7, first arrivals for 1994 were 2 on 24/4 & max. 72 (17 imms.) on 30/5 (M&PWT). Waitangi Est, 16 on 12/6 (JGH, CFM). [W] Cook Strait, 3 on 30/4, 2 on 15/5 (AJT).

CASPIAN TERN *S. caspia*

[N] Kaipara H, 7 at Kelly's Bay on 27/2 & 6 at Weber's on 29/5 (D&RC, MW). Mangawhai Est, colony of 106 nests on 10/10, 22 chicks seen on 4/11, 47 visible on 1/12, still 7 unfledged on 14/1 (GAP, GRP, MM). [A] Rat I, Kaipara H, 70 birds nesting on 6/11 (CB, JD, MJ). [SA] Manukau H, 48 on 28/11, 123 on 26/6 (OSNZ cen), flocks of 23-34 seen at Pollock Spit & Kidd's (DAL, AMH, AJG *et al.*). Waikato RM, 166 ads & 33 chicks on 5/12 (PJA *et al.*). Mataitai, max. 45 on 4/3 (AJG, DJ&PJA). FoT, 13 on 21/11, 81 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Whitianga, 16 on 1/4. Opoutere, 16 on 1/4 (BAW). [Wk] L Waahi, 4 on 16/4, first record for this lake (DJR, OSNZ cen). Te Motu I, Kawhia H, 34 nesting on 20/12 (BAW, HJC, TBT). [BP] Bowentown Shellbanks, max. 90 on 6/11 (BC). Matakana I, colony of 77 nests on 24/10, 80 large chicks on 19/11 (DW). Matahui Pt, 26, Sulphur Pt, 22, Matapihi, 26, all on 12/6 (JP, KWB, JD, L&GB). Ohiwa H, max. 26 on 16/3, 1 nest on Tern I on 26/11. Waiaua Est, max. 8 on 11/1 (WMH, WHS). [VP] Sulphur Bay, 18 on 28/5 (GAT). [Wg] Wanganui Est, max. 6 on 22/4 (TT). [M] Manawatu Est, max. 9 July-Feb, rising to 40 on 12/3 declining to 9 by 29/5 (JL&MM, P&RS, M&KP). [HB] Ahuriri Est, 12 on 1/5 (M&PWT). Waitangi Est, 15 on 2/6 (ARG). Porangahau Est, c64 on 14/11, 11 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Hutt R, single birds c5 km upstream on 3/9 & 22/9 (WAW).

WHITE-FRONTED TERN *S. striata*

[A] Rat I, Kaipara H, c600 birds nesting on 6/11 (CB, JD, MJ). Muriwai, 80 prs on 27/10 (MJT). [SA] Manukau H, 118 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). Matingarahi, 93 on 23/11 (AJG). Miranda, 230 on 18/9 (KW, GJE), max. 317 on 21/11 (OSNZ cen). Colville H, 85 on 1/6 (AV&JVP). [BP] Papamoa B, 200 on 12/2 (PCL). Matakana I, 63 nests on 22/12 (DW). Waiaua Est, c150 on 24/11 (WHS). Motu RM, 2-250 prs on 7/12. Raukokore RM, c120 on 7/12 (WMH, WHS). [T] Tongaporutu RM, 10 + nesting on small stack on 2/1 (GAT). [M] Manawatu Est, 1000 + on 29-30/1 (JL&MM, P&RS). [HB] Napier, c350 on Marine Parade on 28/5. Waitangi Est, small colony of c80-100 with c20 chicks (M&PWT). Tukituki Est, 58 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen), c90 on 9/4 (KVT). Black Reef, Cape Kidnappers, a sizeable colony on cliff ledges on 22/1, some fledged young (BMT, M&PWT). Porangahau Est, c160 on 14/11 (OSNZ cen).

NEW ZEALAND FAIRY TERN *S. nereis davisae*

[N] Waipu Est, 2 prs nesting, 1 chick raised (GRP, MM, GNG). Mangawhai Est, 5 prs made 6 nesting attempts, 2 chicks from 1 nest fledged (GAP, GRP, MM, GNG). [A] Waikiri Ck, Taporā, 15 on 12/3 & 18 on 30/4, these are the largest flocks ever seen (GAP, GRP). Te Arai Pt, 2 on 21/11 (GNG). Papakanui Spit, 2 prs made 4 nesting attempts, no chicks fledged (GAP), 6 on 30/4 (CRJ).

EASTERN LITTLE TERN *S. albifrons sinensis*

[N] Whangarei H, 3 on 16/10 & 16/11, 4 on 5/2 (GRP, GNG). [SA] Kidd's, Manukau H, first bird on 4/8, max. 6 on 1/1 (AMH, AJG, DAL, OSNZ). Miranda, 1 on 18/9 & 11/10 (KW, GJE) & 18/6 (CRJ).

EASTERN COMMON TERN *S. hirundo longipennis*

[W] Wellington H, 1 in non-breeding plumage on 15/1 (AJT).

NEW ZEALAND PIGEON *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

[N] Lady Alice I, few nests compared with previous year apparently due to poor fruiting year (RJP). [SA] Bombay, 12 on 5/8 (DAL). Buckland, 10 on 30/3 (AMH). [Wg] Aramoho, max. 7 on 11/4 (TT). [HB] Boundary Stm, 5 on 24/11 (KVT). Thomas' Bush, 5 on 24/7. Ball's Clearing, c5 on 16/10 (OSNZ). Te Awanga, 8 in gum tree on 21/2 (BMT). [T] New Plymouth, eating Magnolia flower buds Aug-Oct (DGM). [W] Waikanae, powdery impression left on window on 1/1 (AJT). Battle Hill-Pauatahanui, 4 on 6/2 (WAW). Heretaunga, 7 feeding on Hawthorn on 12/8 (per AJT).

SPOTTED DOVE *S. chinensis*

[BP] Te Puke, seen or heard nearly every month of the year (PCL). Kukumoa, 1 on 27/3 and several days after (WHS).

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO *Cacatua galerita*

[SA] Waimaramara, flock of 80 mid July, 30-40 late Dec & again in March (DMW). Waiuku F, 1 on 5/12 (PJA *et al.*). Kaiaua, 2 on 14/9 (DAL). Miranda, 14 on 15/5 (BJS). [Wk] Glen Massey, 1-2 Sept-Nov (PDB). Waingaro Landing, Raglan H, 1 in wattle tree feeding on seed capsules on 31/12 (GAT). [BP] Rangiuru School, 17 on 1/8 & 18/8 (RL). [W] Battle Hill Res, 2 + roosting at dusk on 1/8 (AJT). Pauatahanui, 6 on 20/9 (D&RB).

GALAH *C. roseicapilla*

[SA] Ness V, Clevedon, 3 on 29/4, 2 on 8/7, Matakaitai, 5 on 18/8 (per AJG).

NORTH ISLAND KAKA *Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis*

[FN] Sightings from Ahipara, Herekino, Kerikeri, Waitangi, Waimate Nth and Pakaraka. Mainly in winter. An increase in sightings (per GRP). [N] Numerous sightings from Kamo (up to 6), Mt Tiger, Whangarei and Parua Bay (up to 12). The Parua Bay birds seem firmly established with sightings throughout the year, sightings also from Aorangi I, Parakao, Tutukaka, Ruakaka and Mangawhai (GRP, RJP, PA, NM, KH). Chickens I-Little Barrier-Whangarei, 5 radio tagged birds moving between these areas Sept-June. Coppermine I, 3 downy chicks on 9/12, same site as last year (RJP). [A] Wellsford, 6 in Oct (MMc). Rangitoto I, 4 on 25/10 (BRK). Bethell's B, 1 on 7/4 (AJT, GAT). Oratia, 5 in Sept (MFG). Titirangi, 2 on 24/8 (MFG). Waitakere Ranges, 2 at Cascades on 30/10 (SJD). [SA] Hill Rd, Manurewa, 1 reported on 19/12 (HRC). Hamilton's Rd, Awhitu, 1 on 25-26/1 (VMR). Onewhero, 1 on 18/8 (per DMW). Ponganui Rd, Waimaramara, 3 on 29/7 (DMW). Stanley I, 1 on 10/11 in taraire grove at 'arena' site (GAT, DJR). [Wk] Chartwell, 1 on 2/10 (PTW), 1 on 9/10 & 2/11 (AWH). Wharepapa, 1 on 6/5 (PJT). Te Aroha, 15 in flock on 30/8 WG). [BP] Te Puke, 1 in garden on 17/8 (PCL). Katikati, 2 on 2/9 (MS). [VP] Rotorua, 13 sightings of 1-2 around town (per KLO). Ruato Bay, L Rotoiti, 1 on 22/5 (CD). White Pine Bush SR, 2 on 15/9 (PH). Atiamuri, 1 in June/July (PD). Pureora, many along Link Rd incl. flock of 12 on 19/11 (D&MS), 5 at campground on 1/4 (BHS). L Rotokura, Ohakune, 1 on 25/2 (BAT). Mania Stm, 1 in late Feb (TT). [G/W] Whinray Res, 4 on 24/9 (DoC). Manutuke, 1 eating mandarins on 30/9, 1 on 24/10 present 10 days (MAW). Waikareiti Track, 2 on 13/2 (GAF). [T] New Plymouth, 1 on 22/7, probably the same bird seen elsewhere in town until 25/9 (JCM *et al.*). [Wg] Wanganui E, 1 on 12/9 (OCT). [HB] Kaweka Range; Middle Hut, 2 on 2/1, Makino Hut, 1 on 15/6 (RDN). [W] Raumati, 1 on 18/6 (MN). Kaitoke, 1 heard on 4/7 (KO).

CRIMSON ROSELLA *Platycercus elegans*

[W] Wellington Botannic Gardens, 1 juv feeding on weeds on 31/10 (HAR), 1 ad, 1 juv on 8/11 (D&MS).

EASTERN ROSELLA *P. eximius*

[Wk] Small flocks starting to be reported e.g. 20-30 at Matamata in apple trees in April-May (JMH). [BP] Omokoroa, 2 on 12/6. Te Puke, 4 on 20/6, 2 on 30/6 & in Nov. Kaharoa, 5 on 25/10 (PCL). Kukumoa, 1 on 12/6 (WHS). [M] Levin, 7 in Kimberley Res on 16/6 (MO). [W] Mt Climie, 2 in gum trees on 30/10 (D&MS).

RED-CROWNED PARAKEET *Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*

[M] Ruahine Range, Norsewood side, pr near hole in beech tree at 900m on 16/10 (GL).

YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET *C. auriceps*

[HB] Makahu Hut, Kawekas, 2 on 2/1 & 2/3 (BM&MGT). [W] Mt Climie, 1 in Dec (SL).

PARAKEET *Cyanoramphus* sp.

[HB] Kaweka Range; Makahu Hut, 4 on 25/5, Makino Hut, 2 on 14/6 (RDN). [W] Mt Climie, groups of 5-6 in Dec (SL).

SHINING CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

[N] Whangarei-Tutukaka, first calls 6-24/10 (PA, GNG). [A] Waitakere Ranges, first calls on 18/9 & 24/9 (SG, JES). [SA] First call of year on 18/9 at Coromandel (BHS). [Wk] Hillcrest, 1 on 20/9 (BAW). [T] Egmont Village, first heard on 25/9 (EW) & in New Plymouth on 2/10 (DGM). [HB] Shine Falls, the most numerous bird in the vicinity of the falls, hawking insects on 23/10 (M&PWT). [W] Tawa, first heard on 23/9 (D&MS). Belmont, first heard on 4/10, last heard on 28/11 (WAW). Vogeltown, 1 on 23/3 (KB).

LONG-TAILED CUCKOO *Eudynamis taitensis*

[N] Mt Tiger, c10 in first week of March (RJP *et al.*). [SA] Awhitu, 1 on 23/3 & 25/3 (VMR). Waimaramara, 1 on 22/3 (DMW). Kawakawa Bay, 1 on 23/3, 1 on 8/5 (per AJG). [Wk] Cambridge, 1 in garden on 12/4 (SLS). [T] Egmont NP, 1 on 28/11 (DGM). New Plymouth, 1 found dead on 4/2, another at Pungarehu on 24/3 (REL).

SPINE-TAILED SWIFT *Hirundapus caudacutus*

[A] Tiritiri Matangi I, 1 on 7/11 (R&BW).

FORK-TAILED SWIFT *Apus pacificus*

[FN] Warawara F, 2 on 7/4 (RJP).

KOOKABURRA *Dacelo novaeguineae*

[N] Reports from same areas as last year: Maunu, Kamo, Glenbervie-Kiripaka (RJP, GRP). [A] Kumeu, 2 on 14/9 (VMR). [Wk] Hamilton, reports from several areas in town (JWR, WGK, RSS).

NEW ZEALAND KINGFISHER *Halcyon sancta vagans*

[BP] Ohiwa H, 22 on 27/6 (WMH). [Wg] Aramoho, records of kingfishers being attacked by grey warbler & male chaffinch (TT). [HB] Ahuriri Est, numerous in winter (PWT).

NORTH ISLAND RIFLEMAN *Acanthisitta chloris granti*

[FN] Warawara F, common in limited habitat comprising mature kauri forest with diverse subcanopy of broadleaf and Podocarp spp, April (RJP). [VP] Ngahopua Track, Okataina, 4+ on 29/1 (L&EB). [HB] Eastern Kawekas, recorded from many locations during Feb-June. Makino Hut, Kawekas, 2 feeding on grass on 16/6 (RDN). Bellbird Bush, present on 27/10 (KVT). Thomas' Bush, present on 10/4 (RDN). [W] Mt Climie, at least 7 families on 26/12 (D&CT).

WELCOME SWALLOW *Hirundo tahitica neoxena*

[VP] Sulphur Bay, L Rotorua, c3000+ feeding over bay & Puarenga Stm, swallows everywhere! (GAT). [M] Foxton No.1 L, c200 on 25/7 (JL&MM). [HB] North Pond, large numbers hawk over this area during winter while few over nearby Westshore Lgn (PWT).

NEW ZEALAND PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

[SA] Nth Kariotahi Rd, Waiuku, 12 along 3km on 15/8 (DAL). [HB] Te Waka Range, plentiful at Potter Rd end on 27/4 (BMT). Clifton-Cape Kidnappers, 5 on 27/4 (KVT). [W] Brooklyn West, c30 on 27/3 (JN).

HEDGE SPARROW *Prunella modularis*

[N] Waikaraka, good numbers 18-20/5 (PA). [HB] Eastern Kawekas, 1-2 in several locations May-June (RDN).

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

[N] Whangarei, first song on 28/7 (PA). [A] Auckland, brief song on 11/6, full song on 24/6 (MJT). [T] New Plymouth, 2 partially white birds seen, 1 eating rose flower buds (DGM, DIL, MHA). [HB] first song on 22/4 (KVT). [W] Normandale, 3 feeding on karamu fruit on 12/4 (MLF), 1 albino in Oct (D&MS).

SONG THRUSH *T. philomelos*

[FN] Warawara F, pre-season calls 5-8/4. [N] First song at Onerahi (10m asl) on 8/5 but later at Mt Tiger (250m asl) 28/5 (PA, RJP). [A] Orakei, brief song on 16/4, full song on 15/5 (MJT). [W] Normandale, 1 feeding on karamu fruit on 12/4 (MLF).

NORTH ISLAND FERNBIRD *Bowdleria punctata vealeae*

[FN] Omahuta F, 1 in kauri grass 7/7 (BHS). [A] Taporā, confirmed on sand island in March (GAP). [SA] Matarangi, 10 in 5 territories on 21/8, 4 prs on 7/6. Colville H, at least 3 on 5/6 (MBM). [VP] Tongariro NP, several

Mahuia campside in Jan (PDB). [T] L Rotokare, heard on 25/9 (WBM). Egmont NP, reported near Holly Hut on 6/3 (RM). [HB] L Opouahi/Thomas' Bush, 1 heard on 10/4. Kaweka Range, reported from Comet Rd, Miroroa Rd, Koaro Stm and Makino Track carpark May-June (RDN).

WHITEHEAD *Mohoua albicilla*

[HB] Reported from the following areas usually in groups <10; Shine Falls, Bellbird Bush, Thomas' Bush, Ball's Clearing, Blowhard Bush & Eastern Kawekas (RDN, PWT *et al.*).

GREY WARBLER *Gerygone igata*

[HB] White Pine Bush, particularly numerous on 17/4 (M&PWT).

NORTH ISLAND FANTAIL *Rhipidura fuliginosa placabilis*

[BP] Maketu, 1 black phase on 19/1 (KLO). [VP] Rotorua, 1 black phase in Welcome Bay for 4 weeks in July (HS). [T] Te Wera & Egmont NP, black phase birds seen 9/7 & 12/3 (CL). [HB] Napier, 1 black phase on 21/10 (GJR).

NORTH ISLAND TOMTIT *Petroica macrocephala toitoi*

[N] Whangaruru Head, Waikaraka and Mt Tiger, appear to be increasing as not heard in these areas in past 15 years (PA,RJP). [Wg] Westmere L, 1 male on 7/6 (OCT). [M] Arapaepae Ridge, regular in pine forest (MO). [HB] Present at following sites; Shine Falls, Bellbird Bush, Thomas' Bush, Blowhard Bush & Eastern Kawekas (RDN *et al.*). [T] Egmont Village, 1 male on 10/4, first record for here, a considerable distance from Egmont NP (EW).

NORTH ISLAND ROBIN *P. australis longipes*

[FN] Moturua I, 23 on 1-2/6 (DOC, OSNZ). [T] Mt Messenger, 1 heard on 8/5, not heard there before (DGM). [M] Ruahine Range, 1 near Leon Kinvig on 16/10 (GL). [HB] Eastern Kawekas, recorded at several sites May-June (RDN).

SILVEREYE *Zosterops lateralis*

[T] New Plymouth, eating ripe kawakawa fruits in Feb (JCM). [HB] Widespread. Particularly numerous at Shine Falls on 23/10, White Pine Bush on 17/4 (M&PWT), and Eastern Kawekas May-June (RDN). [W] Normandale, 9 feeding on poroporo & karamu fruit on 12/4 (MLF). Brooklyn, feeding on fennel flowers on 15/3 (AJT).

STITCHBIRD *Notiomystis cincta*

[W] Kapiti I, fledged chick being fed by parents on 6/2 (D&MS).

BELLBIRD *Anthornis melanura*

[N] Mangawhai, 1 dried male carcass on 14/8 (AJT). [T] Rerekapa Track, Moki SF, eating ripe karamu berries on 8/5 (WVG). [Wg] Aramoho, 2 on 3/3 (TT).

TUI *Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae*

[BP] Ohope SR, white bird on 29/3 (DoC). [VP] Rotorua, 1 attacked & killed by mynas (Mrs Knowles per KLO). [HB] Widespread. Numerous at Shine Falls on 23/10, White Pine Bush on 17/4 (M&PWT) & Ball's Clearing on 16/10 (OSNZ). Also numerous at Mohi Bush spring-summer (PWT).

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

[M] Whirokino, c500 on 19/6 (JL&MM). [HB] Havelock North, c150 in rough paddock on 8/9 (KVT).

CIRL BUNTING *E. cirrus*

[HB] Clive?, 1 dead male c30-31/10 (GFM). [W] Normandale, 1 male on 30/6 (MLF).

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

[A] Auckland, first song on 4/8 (MJT). [HB] Shine Falls, hawking insects in falls spray on 23/10 (M&PWT). [W] Brooklyn, eating flax seeds on 17/7 (AJT).

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

[Wg] Wanganui City, 73 on 2/9 (TT). [HB] Pakowhai, small flock feeding on fennel on 30/3 (KVT).

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

[W] Normandale, feeding on karamu berries on 12/4 (MLF).

COMMON MYNA *Acridotheres tristis*

[Wr] Te Ore Ore, 3 at Xmas-New Year (MK).

NORTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK *Philesturnus carunculatus rufusater*

[SA] Stanley I, 2 on 4/11 on the inner stack north of main island (GAT, DJR).

AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE *Gymnorhina tibicen*

[W] Strathmore, Wellington, 1 seen attacking rock pigeon sitting on city road on 11/3. The magpie pecked at the pigeon's head repeatedly (GAT).

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

[FN] Te Pahi, 1 reported on 24/6 (T Bullock per RJP, GRP). [Wk] Gordonton, 3 on 22/9, 2 still present in June in Woodlands Rd (DJR). [G/W] Gisborne, 5 nests in showgrounds on 17/11 (RF). [M] Longburn, c15 on 8/5 & 21/5 (JL&MM). [HB] Puketitiri, c70 on 9/5 (RDN). Marewa, 7 nests near shopping centre on 22/10. Not recorded nesting in Napier before (M&PWT).