

**CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES,
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Regional Recorders: B.J. Stuart-Menteath - West Coast, B. North - Marlborough, A. Freeman - Canterbury, A. Baines - Otago, I.L. Esler - Southland.

Regional Abbreviations: [NE] Nelson, [MA] Marlborough, [WC] West Coast, [CA] Canterbury, [OT] Otago, [SO] Southland.

Abbreviations: ad adult; AF Airfield; asl above sea level; B Beach; Biv Bivouac; CH ponds Colin Hill's ponds/farm; cnr corner; Ck Creek; E East; Est Estuary; fem female; grp group; H Harbour; Hd Head; HQ Headquarters; ha hectare; h hours; imm immature; I Island; Is Islands; juv juvenile; km kilometres; L Lake; Lgn Lagoon; max maximum; m metres; min minimum; Mt Mount; NP National Park; nr near; Nth North; pr pair; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; R River; Ra Range; RM River Mouth; Rd Road; SP Sewage Ponds; Sd Sound; Sth South; Str Strait; Stm Stream; SF State Forest; V Valley; W West.

GREAT SPOTTED KIWI *Apteryx haastii*

[WC] Hibernia Ck, Barrytown Flats, probes on 25/9 (BJSJ). Lawson's Ck, Barrytown Flats, 1 calling on 2/10 (CSL). [CA] Harper's Pass Biv, 2 on 23/11, started calling at 2330 h (AC).

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

[CA] L Forsyth, 43 including 10 imm on 19/7 (SP,KCH), 25 on 5/6 (SP), 31 including 4 imm on 6/6 (CFJO'D). L Taylor, pr on 12-13/11 (TC). Cooper's Lgn, 1 ad on 6/2 (TC,CH,ANDF).

NZ DABCHICK *Poliiocephalus rufpectus*

[MA] L Rotoiti, Kaikoura, 1 on 16/4 (BE).

AUSTRALASIAN LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

[CA] Taranaki Ck, Waikuku, 1 on 25/7, 21/8, 3/9, 14/6 (TC,SP,KCH). Roadside pond sth of Ashburton, 1 on 8/12 (CFJO'D). Gravel Pit, cnr Falvey & Foley Rds, nth of Washdyke, 2 prs, 1 with 6 eggs, 1 with 5 eggs on 6/1 (DY,GC).

ROYAL ALBATROSS *Diomedea epomophora*

[OT] Off Karitane, 1 following fishing boat on 27/1 (DJO). Sandfly Bay, Otago Pen, 2 ad sthn subspecies and 2 ad nthn subspecies on 16/4 (MR).

BLACK-BROWED MOLLYMAWK *D. melanophrys*

[SO] Auckland I, 1 at sea on 12/2 (RWS).

SALVIN'S MOLLYMAWK *D. cauta salvini*

[OT] Otago H entrance, 1 following fishing boat on 9/5 (AW).

BULLER'S MOLLYMAWK *D. bulleri*

[OT] Off Karitane, 6 imms following fishing boat on 27/1 (DJO). Taiaroa Hd, 4 on 4/6 (A&CW).

LIGHT-MANTLED SOOTY ALBATROSS *Phoebastria palpebrata*

[MA] 1 off Kaikoura on 18/6 (TC).

BULLER'S SHEARWATER *Puffinus bulleri*

[OT] Otago H entrance, 37 following fishing boat on 9/5 (AW).

SOOTY SHEARWATER *P. griseus*

[CA] Motunau I, several by burrows on 13/12. Island Bay I, Banks Pen, numerous burrows on plateau assumed to be this species (PAL). [OT] Off Karitane, a large number following a fishing boat on 27/1 (DJO). [SO] Codfish I, 5 chicks in 46 study burrows on 17-26/3 (WC).

FLUTTERING SHEARWATER *P. gavia*

[OT] Aramoana Mole, 1 flying sth. Cape Saunders, Otago Pen, 2 on 13/3 (MR).

HUTTONS SHEARWATER *P. huttoni*

[CA] Waipara RM, 86 feeding close inshore on 18/1 (AC, GD).

LITTLE SHEARWATER *P. assimilis*

[OT] Aramoana Mole, 1 on 7/6 flying nth (MR). [SO] Auckland I, 1 at sea on 12/2 (RWS).

COMMON DIVING PETREL *Pelecanoides urinatrix*

[NE] Off Kahurangi Pt, 2 in Jan (PN). [MA] Chetwode I, several heard calling from ground on 10/8 (DB). Otago H entrance, 1 on 22/11 (A&CW).

WESTLAND PETREL *Procellaria westlandica*

[OT] Off Karitane, 3 following fishing boat on 27/1 (DJO).

CAPE PIGEON *Daption capense*

[CA] Off Timutimu Pt, Banks Pen, 2 on 5/2. Squally Bay, Banks Pen, 1 on 18/4 (SBr). [OT] Off Karitane, 45 following fishing boat on 27/1 (DJO). [SO] Codfish I, flock of c.20 in Sealer's Bay, daily 17/9-30/9 (CFJO'D).

GIANT PETREL *Macronectes* sp.

[CA] Akaroa H and off Banks Pen, up to 4, Nov-Mar (SBr).

SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL *M. giganteus*

[MA] 1 white morph, off Kaikoura on 18/6 (TC).

FAIRY PRION *Pachyptila turtur*

[MA] Ninnipin Rock and Haystack I, nr Chetwode I, numerous burrows on 10/8 (DB).

BROAD-BILLED PRION *P. vittata*

[SO] Genaray Stn, Waikaia R Valley, and Hedgehope, 1 each on 2/12, 105 and 55 km respectively from nearest coast (WC).

BLUE PETREL *Halobaena caerulea*

[SO] Campbell I, 1 at sea on 14/2 (RWS).

COOK'S PETREL *Pterodroma cooki*

[SO] Codfish I, 17 chicks in 41 study burrows on 17-26/3 (WC).

MOTTLED PETREL *P. inexpectata*

[SO] Codfish I, 11 chicks in 47 study burrows on 17-26/3 (WC).

WHITE-HEADED PETREL *P. lessonii*

[CA] Christchurch City, 1 exhausted bird on 12/6 (CFJO'D).

WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL *Pelagodroma marina*

[CA] Motunau I, calling on 10/2 (PAL).

BLACK-BELLIED STORM PETREL *Fregetta tropica*

[SO] Auckland I, 1 at sea on 12/2 (RWS).

YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN *Megadyptes antipodes*

[CA] Nth of Le Bons Bay, Banks Pen, 1 on 12/1 (SBr). Flea Bay, Banks Pen, 1 ad on 12/1 (PAL). [SO] Nth Head, Waikawa H, 2 nests with 2 chicks each and 2 imms on 27/11 (WC).

BLUE PENGUIN *Eudyptula minor*

[WC] Meybille Bay, Punakaiki area, road-killed birds on 8/11 and 28/11 (BJSM). [CA] Flea Bay, Banks Pen, breeding in Jan (PAL).

AUSTRALASIAN GANNET *Morus serrator*

[MA] Duncan Bay, Tennyson Inlet, c.60 feeding with dusky dolphins and Spotted Shags on 16/6 (DB). [CA] Motunau RM, 1 on 30/8, 4 + 6 + 3 flew Sth-Nth in formation, just after sunrise on 13/1. Waipara RM, 13 on 18/1, rafting 200 m offshore (AC,GD). Leithfield B, 2 on 9/8, 1 on 24/8. Woodend B, 2 on 19/7. Akaroa H and off Banks Pen, up to 4, Nov-Apr. Flea Bay to LeBons Bay, Banks Pen, 11 on 28/12. Akaroa H, up to 10 on 29/12. Timutimu Point to Birdlings Flat, Banks Pen, 15 on 30/12 (SBr). Rakaia RM, 4 on 28/12 (SP), 3 on 7/3 (PAL). Orari RM, 3 on 4/1. Brown's B, Sth Canterbury, 1 on 4/1 (AC, SBu). [OT] Nuggets, 24 ad and c.3 nests at colony on 2/2 (KCG). [SO] Milford Sd, 1 ad on 29/6 (TC). Porpoise Bay, 1 on 28/11 and 12/3 (WC).

BLACK SHAG *Phalacrocorax carbo*

[CA] Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere, 69 on 6/2 (SP). [OT] L Dunstan, Lowburn, 6 on 21/5. Kakanui Est, 7 on 11/5 (A&CW).

LITTLE BLACK SHAG *P. sulcirostris*

[CA] Pegasus Bay, small numbers recorded all months: Ashley Est, max 2; Brookland's Lgn, max 3; Avon-Heathcote Est, max 5 (AC).

LITTLE SHAG *P. melanoleucos brevirostris*

[CA] Woodford Glen, Kaiapoi colony, 25 nests, 54 ad on 3/9. Selwyn Huts, L Ellesmere colony, 125 nests, 295 ad on 16/9, 178 nests on 28/10. Waikuku, 11 nests on 16/12, 15 newly fledged young on 8/1 (SP,KCH). Botanic Gardens, Christchurch, by pond adjacent to information centre, 4 nests, 2 with 2 chicks and 2 with 3 chicks on 22/10; at least 8 fledged, seen roosting nr pond on 19/11 (ANDF). CH ponds, 1 on 11/2 (CH). [SO] Camelot R, Bradshaw Sd, 1 on 30/6 (WC).

STEWART ISLAND SHAG *Leucocarbo chalconotus*

[SO] Rabbit I, Bluff H, 50 juvs on 7/12 compared with 38 in 1992 (WC).

SPOTTED SHAG *Stictocarbo punctatus*

[MA] Duncan Bay, Tennyson Inlet, c.50 feeding with dusky dolphins and Gannets on 16/6 (DB).

WHITE-FACED HERON *Ardea novaehollandiae*

[OT] Papanui Inlet, Otago Pen, 37 on 3/5 (A&CW).

WHITE HERON *Egretta alba*

[WC] Oparara, 1 on 19/11. Greymouth. 1 on 24/8, 20/1, 2 on 17/2, 17/3, 17/4 (CSL). [CA] Waikuku, 1 on 10/7 (SP,KCH). Ashley Est, 1 on 13/8, moved to Brookland's Lgn mid month (JK). Avon-Heathcote Est, 1 in winter 1993, last seen 19/9 (AC). Kaitorete Spit base, L Ellesmere, 5 on 28/7 (CH). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, max 8 on 29/7 (CH). Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere and L Forsyth 6 on 19/7. Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 6 on 14/8 (SP,KCH). L2 RM, L Ellesmere, 1 on 19/2 (CH). L Forsyth, 2 on 20/5 (SP). L Wainono, 1 on 5/3 (OSNZ), 1 on 4/4 (HS,AS). [OT] Coastal Otago, records from All Day Bay to Dunedin, Mar-June (ABB). All Day Bay, Oamaru, 1 on 17/3, 12/5 (ABB). Bowalley Lgn, Oamaru, 1 on 4/4 (HGS,AMS). Hawkesbury Lgn, Nth Otago, 2 on 12/5 with Royal Spoonbills (ARB), 1 on 16/5. Kakanui, 1 on 12/5, 16/5 (ABB). Papanui Inlet, Otago Pen, 1 on 3/5 (A&CW). Tomahawk Lgn, Dunedin, 1 on 28/4 (ABB), 1 on 24/6 (PS). Anderson's Bay Lgn, Dunedin, 1 on 28/4 (ABB). Kaikorai Est, 1 on 14/5 (K&JVM). [SO] Lower Maitara R, 1 on farmland on 16/9, 1 on 28/10, 1 on 22/11, 2 on 29/1, 2 on 6/2 (LL). Nr Invercargill Tip, 1 on lgn for much of year (ILE).

LITTLE EGRET *E. garzetta*

[WC] L Ryan, Greymouth, 1 on 6/8. Range Creek Lgn, Greymouth, 1 on 14/4. Greymouth riverside wetland, 1 on 24/8 (CSL). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 on 27-30/7 and all Aug/Sep (JK), some filar plumes on 2/9 (SP,KCH), in full breeding plumage on 6/10 (TC). L Ellesmere, 1 for summer and winter: Kaituna Lgn on 28/10 (TC,SP,KH), Halswell RM on 1/1 and 6/1 (AC, SBu), Yarr's Bay on 2/2, Taumutu on 16/2, Selwyn R, upper Huts, on 25/6 (CH). [OT] All Day Bay, Oamaru, 1 on 9/9. Blueskin Bay, 1 on 13/6 (ABB). Hawkesbury Lgn, 1 on 19/5 (JAW). [SO] Lower Maitara R, 1 on farmland on 17/12 (LL).

REEF HERON *E. sacra*

[NE] Whanganui Inlet, 1 feeding on sandflats on 26/1 (PAL). [MA] Kaikoura, 2 on 1/11 (PJ). Kean Pt, Kaikoura Pen, 1 on 8/5/93 (PAL). [OT] Maukiekie I, Moeraki, 3 on 30/9 (TDM). Portobello Marine Lab, feeding on 19/2 (CL). [SO] Foveaux Walkway, Bluff, 1 on 19/5 (WC).

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

[NE] Murchison, 4 on 15/5 (TC, PAL). [WC] Karamea, 1 with metallic green wing tag on 6/8 (IG). Orowaiti Lgn, 36 on 31/7 (SP). Barrytown Flats, 6 on 11/5 (HS). [CA] L Ellesmere: Embankment Rd, 3 on 16/10; Davidson Rd, 10 on 12/11, 7 on 25/6 (CH); Halswell RM, 1 in full breeding plumage feeding on mudflat with 1 Little Egret & 4 White-faced Herons on 1/1 (AC); Drain Rd, 13 on 22/5 (SP,KCH), 22 on 25/6 (CH); Shand's Rd, 1 on 25/6 (SP,KCH). [OT] Taieri, 10 on 15/7 (G&DG). Henley, 10 on 2/8 (MRRF). Titri flood free Highway, a late sighting of 5 on 15/1 (KCG), 14 on 9/5. Bull Ck Rd, West Taieri, 18 on 1/6 (PS). [SO] Edendale, 9 in Aug. Wallacetown, 30 in Aug, many fewer than usual. Halfmoon Bay, Stewart I, 7 on 9/5 (ILE).

AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

[WC] Kongahu tidal wetland, 1 on 19/11 (CSL). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 on 17/5 (TC,SP,JK). Styx RM, 2 on 7/2 (AC). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 1 on 9/8, 18/4 (CH). Hart's Ck, L Ellesmere, 1 on 14/8 (SP,KCH), 2 flushed from willows on edge of stream on 6/1 (AC,SBu). CH ponds, 1 on 4/12, 11/2 (CH). Nth Branch, lower Rakaia R, 1 in pond surrounded by willows on 18/6. Kevin's Diversion, Ohau R, 1 in Oct (PAL). [OT] Kaikorai Est, 1 in rushes on 6/2 (ABB).

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

[CA] Avon-Heathcote Est, 1 on 28/5 (JP). CH ponds, L Ellesmere 1 on 20/4-2/5 (CH). Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 in June (ADG), 10 in Aug (CFJO'D).

ROYAL SPOONBILL *Platalea regia*

[MA] Wairau Lgns, c.123 on 6/2 (OSNZ). L Elterwater, 1 on 20/6 (NN). Conway Bridge, Kaikoura, 1 flying with c.100 Canada geese on 28/4 (BE). [CA] Ashley Est, 3 on 7/6 (TC,BD). Waimakariri RM, 5 on 25/5 (MAM). Brooklands Lgn, 5 on 29/5 (TC,BD), 5 on 23/7 (AC). Avon-Heathcote Est, 12 on 25/2 (SP). Bromley SP, 46 on 17/4 (AC) and 20/4 (SP). Kaitorete Spit base, 8 on 28/7 (CH). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, max 17 on 2/2. Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere, max 46 on 10/4 (CH), 27 on 6/2, some passing sticks with bill opening and closing, 2 tugging at a stick (SP). L2 RM, L Ellesmere, 24 on 19/2 (CH). [OT] Moeraki, 2 on 8/1 (SBr). [OT] Maukiekie I, Moeraki, first sighting of 2 on 26/8, max c.80 in mid Nov (KB,TDM). Hawkesbury Lgn, first sighting of 3 on 24/8 (DJO), max 72 on 18/4 (JAW). Kaikorai Est, max 81 in 4/11 (PS). [SO] Lower Maitara R, 1 on 3/6, 1 on 11/6 on farmland (LL). Kew Lgn, Invercargill, 11 on 23/10 (ILE). Daffodil Bay, Invercargill, 10 on 11/6 (PR). Sandy Pt, New R Est, 15 on 21/11 (WC). Omaui I, 19 on 1/11 (ILE), 23 with 5-7 nests on 22/11 (WC), 53 and 13 nests on 2/6 (ILE).

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

[CA] St Anne's Lgn, 3, 1 nest (7 eggs) on 2/10 (TC,DH). Waikuku, 4 on 10/7, pr with 3 cygnets on 16/12. L Forsyth, 1 on 6/6 (CFJO'D). Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 14/8. Hart's Ck, L Ellesmere, 1 pr on 16/9 (SP,KCH). Taranaki Ck, pr + 5 small cygnets on 18/11, subsequently raised 3 (TC). Cooper's Lgn, 13 on 6/1 (AC,SBu), 20 with 2 cygnets almost fully grown on 30/1 (SP), 18 on 6/2 (CH,TC,ANDF), 26 on 5/3 (AC,SBu).

BLACK SWAN *C. atratus*

[OT] Papanui Inlet, Otago Pen, 482 on 3/5. Hooper's Inlet, Otago Pen, 145 + 4 cygnets on 19/6 (A&CW). [SO] Camelot R, Bradshaw Sd, 2 on 30/6 (WC).

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

[WC] L Poerua, 50+ on 7/4 (CSL). [CA] Taranaki Ck, 1 pr, one sitting on two cold eggs and a warm gin bottle! (TC). [OT] Hawkesbury Lgn, 5 on 19/12 (ABB). [SO] L Monowai, 65 on 26/3 (CFJO'D).

CAPE BARREN GOOSE *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*

[WC] Mananui, sth of Hokitika, 2 on 9-10/2, may have originated from Moana Zoo as they were tame (CSL). [CA] Off Northern motorway, beside Cam R, 3 all year (AC,JC). Amberley Lgn, 1 on 22/9 (SP,KCH).

PARADISE SHELDUCK *Tadorna variegata*

[CA] Bromley SP, max 1021 on 6/2 (AC,SBu). L Ellesmere, pr with 5 ducklings on 28/10 (SP,KCH), a rare sight here. Washdyke Lgn, 216 in moulting flock on 4/1. [OT] Head of L Wanaka, 141 on 26/6. Clear Waters Pond, Allan's B, Otago Pen, 30 on 3/5. Hooper's Inlet, Otago Pen, 20 on 19/6 (A&CW). [SO] Camelot R, Bradshaw Sd, 8 on 30/6 (WC).

BLUE DUCK *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*

[WC] Moonlight, Grey R Valley, 1 on 10/3 (BJSM). [SO] Clinton R, 2 on 17/12 (ILE).

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

[CA] Alongside SH1, just north of Glenavy, fem with 3 ducklings, about 1 week old on 12/5 (AB,PS). [OT] Whiterocks Rd, Oamaru, fem with 4 ducklings on 12/5 (ABB,PS). Clear Waters Pond, Allan's B, Otago Pen, 24 on 3/5. Hooper's Inlet, Otago Pen, 258 on 19/6 (A&CW).

GREY TEAL *A. gibberifrons*

[CA] Bromley SP, 1 pr with 6 small ducklings on 17/4, only the 2nd breeding record here (AC,SBu,SP). [OT] All Day Bay, 216 on 11/6 (A&CW). L Logan, Lammermoor Ra, Central Otago, 7 on 1/1, first record in 11 yrs of visits (K&JVM). Papanui Inlet, Otago Pen, 47 on 3/5. Hooper's Inlet, Otago Pen, 520 on 19/6 (A&CW).

CHESTNUT TEAL *A. castanea*

[CA] Kowai RM, just north of Ashley Est, 1 male on 21-30/8 (TC,SP,KCH,AC).

NEW ZEALAND SHOVELER *A. rhynchos*

[WC] Widespread and commonly sighted (BJSM,CSL). [CA] Woodend Lgn, many in full breeding plumage on 14/6 (SP,KCH). Bromley SP, 7840 on 17/4, highest ever count (AC, SBu,SP). [OT] Papanui Inlet, Otago Pen, 30 on 19/6, a good count for here (K&JVM).

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP *Aythya novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Blaketown Lgn, 6 on 13/6 (BJSM). L Karoro, Greymouth, 22 on 24/3 (CSL). [CA] Horseshoe Lgn, Amberley, 13 on 10/11 (SP,KCH). Bromley SP, 187 on 20/4 (SP). Linwood Ave Canal, Christchurch, 1 pr with 2 young in March is the first breeding record on the canal, as this species continues to spread through Christchurch City (AC). Avon River, Avonside, Christchurch, 2 on 8/5 (ABF,ANDF). [OT] Totara, Oamaru, fem with 3 young in market garden pond on 28/12 and 1/1 (ARB). [SO] Kepler Track, 1 on 16-20/11 (MAM).

NEW ZEALAND FALCON *Falco novaeseelandiae*

[MA] Duncan Bay, Tennyson Inlet, 1 on 15/6 (DB). Kaikoura watertower, 1 on 14/5 (SBr). Kaikoura Pen, 1 in pine tree on 14/4 (BE). [WC] Greymouth, 1 on 21/2. Kokatahi, Hokitika, 1 calling on 26/10 (CSL). [CA] Christchurch City, 1 in St Martins on 20/8 (CFJO'D). [OT] Pigeon I, L Wakatipu, 2 on 16/11. Glenorchy, 1 on 18/11. Kingston, 1 on 18/11 (MRRF). Kevin Forks Hut, Mt Aspiring NP, 1 on 4/4 (MR). Flagstaff Reserve, 1 calling loudly and dive bombing a Harrier four times before driving it off (D&JY). Alhambra Sportsfield, Opoho, Dunedin City, 1 on 20/10 (K&JVM). Canton Bridge, Waipori R, 1 on 6/6 (MRRF). Outram, consuming Blackbird on lawn in township on 19/2 (G&DG). Otago Dam Track, Gabriel's Gully, 2 in silver beech on 25/4 (K&JVM). [SO] Rankleburn, Blue Mts, 1 on 23/11. Waikaia, 1 on 11/11, 25/4 (MRRF). Tapanui, 1 flying sth from Blue Mts (WC). Mt Burns, 1 on 26/3 (CFJO'D).

CALIFORNIA QUAIL *Callipepla californica*

[OT] Naseby Forest, 15 including 4 juvs in broom by water races and grassy clearings nr riverbanks on 6/2, new breeding locality (K&JVM). Flagstaff Rd, 2 ad with 10 chicks on 7/12 (D&JY).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

[OT] Kaikorai Est, male flew low over water within Westwood Recreation Reserve on 1/10 (PS).

WESTERN WEKA *Gallirallus australis australis*

[MA] Havelock township, more commonly heard than previous 2 years (DB). [WC] Widespread and common in Nth Westland. Usually raise several broods, numerous road fatalities (CSL, BJSM). [CA] Waimari B, Christchurch, 1 found recently killed by dog, 7/12, thought to have escaped captivity or been released and living in Bottle Lake Pine Forest (AC).

MARSH CRAKE *Porzana pusilla*

[CA] Ruataniwha Stm, Twizel, 1 on 30/9 (PAL).

PUKEKO *Porphyrio p. melanotus*

[CA] Travis Swamp, Christchurch, 529 on 25/7 (AC). [OT] Clearwater Pond, Allan's B, Otago Pen, 6 on 3/5 (A&CW).

AUSTRALASIAN COOT *Fulica atra australis*

[CA] Nth Canterbury, now widespread in small numbers throughout on farm dams and natural lakes. St Annes Lgn, 35 on 4/2 (AC).

SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

[WC] Little Wanganui RM, 16 on 19/11 (CSL). Okari Lgn, Westport, 318 on 13/6 (BJSM). [MA] Kean Pt, Kaikoura Pen, 40 on 8/5/93 (PAL). [CA] Saltwater Ck Est, 70+ on 10/11. Avon-Heathcote Est, max 4619 on 19/4 (AC). L Ellesmere, max 90 at Clarke's Rd on 10/4 (SP, KCH). [OT] Matukituki R, 52 on 3/11 (MRRF). [SO] Wreys Bush, pr wih 1 normal chick

and 1 very pale grey chick on 9/11, have produced a pale chick every year since 1990. Can almost always move nest when ploughing with no problems (MS).

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER *H. unicolor*

[MA] Ocean Bay, Port Underwood, 2 (1 black, 1 smudgy) with nest and eggs on 10/12. Kean Pt, Kaikoura Pen, 39 (37 black, 2 smudgy) including 10 + imms on 8/5/93. [WC] Karamea, 8 on 19/11. Little Wanganui RM, 18 on 19/11. Orowaiti Lgn, 6 on 24/11. Okari Lgn, 32 on 24/11 (CSL). Punakaiki area, resident pairs along coastline regularly seen: Woodpecker Bay, 1 pr on 30/8; Punakaiki B, pr with nest, 1 egg on 16/1; Razorback B, pr on 31/7 (BJSM). [CA] Motunau I, 5 pr (4 black, 1 black x smudgy), 2+ breeding on 13/12. Taylor's Mistake, Christchurch, 1 on 5/1 (PAL). Avon-Heathcote Est, 39 on 19/4, highest ever count (AC). McCormack's Bay, Christchurch, 28 on 12/6 (all black)(SP). Kaitorete Spit base, 1 on 7/1 (CH). [OT] Pleasant R, 2 smudgy birds each with black mates only had a few white feathers in the undertail coverts and a faint wingbar on 12/12. Blueskin Bay, 1 pied morph on 1/1 (PS). [SO] Big Glory Bay, Stewart I, 40 on floating salmon farm platform on 23/1 (DB). Mason Bay, Stewart I, pr (1 smudgy bird) on 9/1 (DM).

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus* spp.

[CA] Ashworth's Lgns just nth of Saltwater Ck, a SIPO and a black phase Variable Oystercatcher formed a mixed species pr with 2 eggs on 27/10 (TC). A second pr and nest on 4/11. Both prs raised a single chick (TC,SP,KH), 1 pr present 29/5 and 7/6 (TC).

AUSTRALASIAN PIED STILT *Himantopus h. leucocephalus*

[WC] Orowaiti Lgn, 44 on 13/6 (BJSM). Okari Lgn, 13 on 24/11. L Ryan, Greymouth, 18 on 23/12, 13 on 17/2 (CSL). [CA] L Forsyth, 47 on 6/6 (CFJO'D). Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere, 355, none nesting on 28/10 (SP). CH ponds, L Ellesmere, 280 on 11/1. Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 682 on 15/1 (SP,KCH). [OT] Matukituki R, 8 on 3/11 (MRRF).

BLACK STILT *H. novaeseelandiae*

[CA] L Ellesmere, 1 on 27/1 (SP,KCH). Clarke's Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 hybrid (banded) on 30/8, 1 hybrid (node G) on 2/9 (CH). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 2 hybrids (nodes E&F) on 12/9, 1 hybrid on 12/3, 1 on 23/1 (banded), 1 on 2&5/2. CH ponds, 1 on 26/12 (CH). Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 (banded) on 6/2 (SP). L2 RM, 1 on 19/2 (CH), 1 on 25/2 (SP). [OT] Kaikorai Est, unusual sight of an almost node F hybrid on 1/12 (PS).

NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL *Charadrius obscurus*

[CA] Kaitorete Spit, 1 on 30/9 (CH). [SO] Awarua Bay, 17 on 31/7, 15 on 28/8, 4 on 27/4, 11 on 24/5 (WC).

BANDED DOTTEREL *C. bicinctus*

[WC] Regular sightings along Barrytown-Punakaiki coast. Pororari Lgn, pr with nest, 3 eggs on 8/9. Razorback B, 3 pr, 2 chicks on 30/11 (BJSM). Greymouth AF, 15 roosting over high tide on 17/2. Blaketown Lgn, 11 on 17/3 (CSL). [CA] Ashley Est, nest with 3 eggs on 3/9, many nests destroyed by vehicles (SP, KCH). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 200+ on 16/7 (CH). [OT] Matukituki R, 47 on 3/11 (MRRF). L Logan, Lammermoor Ra, 3 calling at night on 1/1 (K&JVM). Aramoana, nest with 1 egg on 11/12 wiped out by heavy rain. First record of species breeding in area since 1 chick reported in late 1960's (GRC). Kaikorai Est, 2 on 4/3 (K&JVM).

BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL *C. melanops*

[CA] Waipara R, c3 km from mouth, pr with nest, 3 eggs on 17/10, 1 adult + 2 chicks on 10/11 (TC, SP, KCH). Waipara R, 6 prs on lower 12 km on 3/11 (AC). Ashley R, have not yet colonised this river, none found on lower 20 km on 6/11 (OSNZ survey). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 1 on 25/7, 9/8, 18/4. CH ponds, L Ellesmere, 2 on 2/5 (CH). Opihi R, 1 in Jan (AC).

MONGOLIAN DOTTEREL *C. mongolus*

[CA] Clarke's Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 in breeding plumage on 19/1 (OSNZ).

WRYBILL *Anarhynchus frontalis*

[CA] Ashley Est., 5 feeding along tideline on 10/7 (SP, KCH); varying between 12-25 Sep (JK); 8 on 10/11 (KCH, SP). Bromley SP, small numbers used a dry pond, Oct-Nov, max 5 on 27/10 (AC). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, max 120 on 12/3. Clarke's Rd, L Ellesmere, 8 on 30/8, 3 on 27/6 (CH). Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 6 on 9/10. Embankment Rd, L Ellesmere, 16 on 28/10, up to 129 in Jan, 63 on 10/4 (SP, KCH). Kaitorete Spit, max 25 on 30/9 (CH). Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 100 on 6/2 (SP). L2 RM, 100 on 19/2 (CH). L Wainono, 2 on 6/2 (HS, PS, LG), 3 on 5/3 (OSNZ).

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis fulva*

[CA] Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 5/11, 24 on 11/1, 12 on 13/3 (SP, KCH). Clarke's Rd, L Ellesmere, 19 on 1/11. Embankment Rd, L Ellesmere, 26 on 12/3 (CH).

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

[CA] Flocks frequently found on shingle beaches and riverbeds in summer and autumn, eg Waimakariri R, flocks of 120 and 51 on 12/4; Coopers Lagoon B, 100+ on 6/1; Milford Lgn B, c.160 on 4/1 (AC, SBu).

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

[CA] Ashley Est, 1 on 20/9 (JK), 1 on 16/12 (SP, KCH). Avon-Heathcote Est, max 2 over summer (AC). Kaitorete Spit, 3 on 28/7, 3 on 2/8, 3 on 30/9, 4 on 9/10, 5 on 5/11, 3 on 27/11. Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 1 on 9/11. Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, up to 8 in Jan (SP, CH, KCH). Rakaia RM, c.50 on 6/3 (PAL). Rangitata RM, 2 on 4/1. Washdyke Reef, 5 on 4/1 (AC, SBu).

JAPANESE SNIPE *Gallinago hardwickii*

[CA] Cooper's Lgn, 1 on 6/1, 30/1 (SP,AC,SBu).

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

[WC] Karamea Est, 4 on 19/11. Okari Lgn, 1 on 24/11 (CSL). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 on 22/9 (JK), 6 on 16/12. Brooklands Lgn, 1 on 8/1 (SP,KCH). Avon-Heathcote Est, max 7 on 1/12 (AC). Kaitorete Spit, 15 on 9/10, 23 on 5/11. Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 14 on 9/10, 8 on 15/1, 6 on 19/1 (KCH,SP).

CURLEW SANDPIPER *C. ferruginea*

[CA] Kaitorete Spit, 12 on 30/9, 14 on 9/10, 4 on 5/11, 3 on 27/11, 2 on 10/4. Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 2 on 30/10, 3 on 4/11, 8 on 2/2, 13 on 12/3, 19 on 18/3. CH ponds, 1 on 27/12 (CH,SP,KCH).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER *C. acuminata*

[CA] Kaitorete Spit, 5 on 30/9, 1 on 9/10. Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 13/3, 8 on 19/1, 1 on 27/1, 9 on 6/2, 4 on 26/3. Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 1 on 4/11, 9 on 6/2. CH ponds, L Ellesmere, 2 on 24/12 (CH,SP,KCH). L Wainono, 2 on 6/2 (HS,PS,LG), 1 on 4/4 (HS,AS).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER *C. melanotos*

[CA] Bromley SP and Avon-Heathcote Est, 1 on dry pond on 17/11, 2 late Nov-Mar (AC,SBu,SP,KCH). CH ponds, L Ellesmere, 1 on 7&12/11, 1-2 in Dec. Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 1 on 9/11, 5 on 2/2. L2 RM, 5 on 19/2 (CH). Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere, 7 on 19/1, 2 on 25/2 (KCH,SP). L Wainono, 1 on 6/2 (HS,PS,LG), 4 on 4/4 (HS,AS).

RED-NECKED STINT *C. ruficollis*

[MA] L Grassmere, 5 on 4/2 (AC). [CA] Clarke's Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 16/7, 2 on 27/6. Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, 3 on 12/9, 16 on 16/10 (1 orange flag), 26 on 25/10, 46 on 2/2. Yarr's to Embankment Rd, 52 on 18/3. Kaitorete Spit, 21 on 30/9, 16 on 27/11, 22 on 9/10, 15 on 28/10, 33 on 5/11. Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 20 on 5/11, 7 on 19/1, 29 on 27/1, 6 on 6/2, 49 on 13/3, 7 on 10/4. L2 RM, 40 on 25/2, 47 on 26/3 (SP,KCH,CH).

EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis*

[WC] Okari Lgn, 1 on 24/11 (CSL). Okarito Lgn, 2 on 6/2 (IJ). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 on 24/8 and all Sept (JK), 1 on 10/11, 16/12 (TC,SP,KCH). [SO] Awarua Bay, 2 on 11/6 (ILE).

ASIATIC WHIMBREL *N. phaeopus variegatus*

[CA] Ashley Est, 1 arrived 22/9 and stayed Sept (JK). Avon-Heathcote Est, 1 on 12/10, 3 by 27/10 and over summer, 2 on 19/4 (AC). [SO] Awarua Bay, 2 on 11/6 (ILE).

EASTERN BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica baueri*

[WC] Karamea Est, 4 on 19/11. Orowaiti Lgn, 30 on 24/11. Okari Lgn, 98 on 24/11 (CSL). Okarito Lgn, c.200 on 6/2 (IJ). [CA] Waipara RM, 3 on 15/10 (KCH,SP). Ashley Est, 1 first back on 24/8 increasing to 40+ by end Sept (JK), 39 on 16/12, 40+ on 5/3. High tide roost, Brooklands Lgn, 187 on 8/1 (KCH,SP). Avon-Heathcote Est, max 2114 on 8/12, 240 on 19/4. Lyttelton H, 343 on 10/1 (AC). Jarvis Rd - Greenpark Huts, L Ellesmere, 157 on 16/10 (CH). Clarke's Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 brightly coloured on 2/9. Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 9 on 11/1. Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere, 35 on 28/10 (KCH,SP). CH ponds, up to 14 during Dec, 2 in Apr. Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, max 107 on 2/2. L2 RM, 91 on 25/2 (CH). Kaitorete Spit, 10 on 5/11, 7 on 7/12 (KCH,SP). [SO] Waikawa, 182 on 27/11 (WC).

SIBERIAN TATTLER *Tringa brevipes*

[MA] Kaikoura, 1 in non-breeding plumage on 19/6 (TC). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 in nearly complete breeding plumage on 17/5 (TC,SP,JK), still there 29/5 (JK). [OT] Aramoana, 2 roosting with Pied Stilts on 18/2 (PS).

COMMON SANDPIPER *T. hypoleucos*

[CA] Waipara RM, 1 in Sept (AC), seen on 2-3/10 (short tail projection typical of *T. macularia* but other features matched this species) (TC), moved to Ashley R near SH1 bridge, stayed over summer (OSNZ).

GREENSHANK *T. nebularia*

[WC] Orowaiti Est, Westport, 1 on 24/11 (CSL). [CA] Kaitorete Spit, 1 on 30/9, 27/11 (CH).

MARSH SANDPIPER *T. stagnatilis*

[CA] Kaituna Lgn, L Ellesmere, 1 on 5/7 (CFJO'D).

GREY PHALAROPE *Phalaropus fulicarius*

[OT] Inchclutha, first seen on 7/7 (MN), last seen on 12/7 (ABB).

BROWN SKUA *Catharacta skua lonnbergi*

[SO] Horseshoe Bay, Stewart I, 1 being repeatedly pushed into water by Black-backed and Red-billed Gulls on 28/1 (ILE).

SOUTH POLAR SKUA *Catharacta maccormicki*

[OT] Aramoana, 1 pale morph flying nth on 9/3 (MR).

ARCTIC/POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius* sp.

[CA] Akaroa H and off Banks Pen, max 6, Dec-Apr, Akaroa H, 20 on 13/1 (SBr).

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

[MA] Queen Charlotte Sd, 1 chasing Gannet on 26/12 (NN). Kaikoura Pen, 1 on 2/6 (BE). [CA] Motunau RM, 1 on 12/1. Ashley Est, 1 ad, 1 juv on 10/12. Avon-Heathcote Est, 1 on 18/2 (AC). Akaroa H, up to 4 on 10-12/4. Off Okains Bay, Banks Pen, 2 on 21/2 (SBr). L Wainono,

“several” on 5/3 (OSNZ). [OT] St Kilda B, Dunedin, 1 light phase chasing juv White-fronted Tern on 2/2 (JVM).

POMARINE SKUA *S. pomarinus*

[CA] Waipara RM, 2 with 12 Arctic Skuas attacked a mixed feeding flock of Shearwaters, Spotted Shags, Gannets, Gulls and Terns very close inshore on 18/1 (AC,GD). Akaroa H and off Banks Pen, up to 12 in Dec/Jan (SBr). Orari RM, 1 close inshore on 4/1 (AC,SBu).

SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus d. dominicanus*

[WC] Grey R, c.400 on 17/2 (CSL). [SO] Oreti B, 2 repeatedly and unsuccessfully dropping and trying to break open dead Diving Petrels as they normally do with shellfish on 23/10 (ILE).

BLACK-BILLED GULL *L. bulleri*

[WC] L Ryan, Greymouth, 78 on 14/4. Greymouth AF, 22 on 17/2 (CSL).

WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus*

[WC] Hokitika SP, 1 on 25/3 (CSL,NW).[CA] Kaitorete Spit, L Ellesmere, 1 on 28/7 (CH), 1 in breeding plumage on 2/8 (SP,KCH), 3 (2 in winter plumage, 1 moulting into/out of breeding plumage on 25/6 (PMS,SBr). Cooper's Lgn, 3 on 30/1 (SP). L Wainono, 1 on 5/3 (OSNZ), 1 on 4/4 (HS,AS).

BLACK-FRONTED TERN *Sterna albostrata*

[CA] Ashley Est, 572 on 7/7 (JK). Kaitorete Spit, 180+ on 2/8 (SP,KCH). Rakaia RM, c.400 on 6/3 (PAL).

CASPIAN TERN *S. caspia*

[WC] Regularly seen in small numbers. Karamea Est, 1 on 19/11. Little Wanganui RM, 1 on 19/11 (CSL). Pororari Lgn, 2 on 8/9 (BJSM). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 with bands on 10/7 (KCH,SP). Avon-Heathcote Est, 57 on 8/3 (PAL). Duvauchelle Bay, Banks Pen, 1 on 2/2. Le Bons Bay, Banks Pen, 2 on 26/3 (SBr). Yarr's Bay, L Ellesmere, max 4 on 16/11. Selwyn RM, 6 on 5/8 (CH). Kaitorete Spit, L Ellesmere, 11 (3 banded) on 2/8 (KCH,SP), 77 on 30/9 (CH), 120 adults at colony, 8 eggs on 9/10, 2 nesting colonies - one with 19 nests, 33 eggs, 55 birds, the other with 17 nests, 35 eggs, 50 birds on 23/10, 91 on 5/11, 50+ on 8/12. Greenpark Huts, L Ellesmere, 4 on 11/1 (SP, KCH). Taumutu, L Ellesmere, 3 on 6/2 (TC, ANDF), 9 on 16/2 (CH). L Wainono, 1 on 5/3 (OSNZ). [OT] Kakanui Est, 3 on 11/5 (A&CW). Weller's Rock, Otago Pen, 3 feeding on 9/5 (AW). Papanui Inlet, Otago Pen, 18 on 5/2, highest number to date for this inlet (GRC), 12 on 3/5 (A&CW). Hooper's Inlet, 34 (about 20 banded) on 15/2 (PS). [SO] Waikawa, 4 ad and 2 young on 27/11 (WC).

WHITE-FRONTED TERN *S. striata*

[WC] Widespread and usually common. Okari RM, c.250 on 24/11 (CSL). Punakaiki B, c.150 on 8/1 (BJSM). [CA] Waimakariri R, colony on shingle island 6 km above the mouth, associated with Black-billed Gulls,

90 ad, 93 chicks nr fledging on 30/12 (AC, SBU). Kaitorete Spit, 40 on 9/10, 32 on 10/4 (SP, KCH). Rakaia RM, c.500 on 6/3 (PAL). [SO] Porpoise Bay, 36 on 28/11, 105 on 12/3 (WC).

ANTARCTIC TERN *S. vittata*

[SO] Perseverance H, Campbell I, 1 on 14/2 (RWS).

LITTLE TERN *S. albifrons*

[SO] Awarua Bay, 1 on 10/1 (ILE).

NEW ZEALAND PIGEON *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Punakaiki area, frequent sightings of singles or small flocks of 3-6 birds (BJSM). Otira, flock of 28 feeding in shrubs below the railway line on 26/11 (AC). [CA] Hinewai Reserve, Banks Pen, 10 in kowhai/lowland ribbonwood and 1 in kanuka forest on 28/8. Otanerito Homestead, Banks Pen, feeding on flowering kowhai on 21/8 (PAL). [OT] Flagstaff, Dunedin, 10 eating broom tips on 2/10 (K&JVM). [SO] Sandy Pt Domain, Invercargill, 1 full albino in Nov (ILE).

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO *Cacatua galerita*

[CA] Records of c.40 regularly at Price's Valley, Kaituna Valley and L Forsyth, Banks Pen (CFJO'D).

GALAH *C. roseicapilla*

[CA] Winchmore, 1 feeding in paddock on 16/5 (JAS).

SOUTH ISLAND KAKA *Nestor meridionalis meridionalis*

[MA] Chetwode I, small population of 5-6 birds throughout the year (DB). [WC] Upper Taramakau R, 1 nr Locke Stm Hut, 1 at Kiwi Hut on 24/11 (AC). [CA] Tinline Downs, 12 km from Waiiau, 1 on 23-30/8 (JC). Upper Hurunui R, 4 at No 3 Hut on 23/11 (AC).

KEA *N. notabilis*

[CA] Mt Oxford, 1 on 2/7 in beech forest (AC). Headwaters of Taylor Stm, upper Ashburton R, 2 on 12/11 (PAL). [OT] Wonderland Flat, Wilkin V, 2 on 2/4 (MR). [SO] Kepler track, 2 on 16-20/11 (MAM). Mt Burns, 1 on 26/3 (CFJO'D). Camelot R, Bradshaw Sd, 1 on 30/6 (WC).

EASTERN ROSELLA *Platycercus eximius*

[OT] Nthn Cemetery, Dunedin, 2 on 20/10. Ross Ck, Dunedin, 2 on 15/11. Flagstaff, Dunedin, 2 in larch plantation on 2/10. Turnbull's Bay, Otago Pen, 2 in kanuka, a new locality, on 19/12 (K&JVM).

RED-CROWNED PARAKEET *Cyanoramphus n. novaezelandiae*

[SO] Codfish I, feeding on moss spores in sand dunes on 26/9 (CFJO'D).

YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET *C. auriceps*

[OT] Herbert Forest, 1 with 30+ Brown Creepers on 16/8, 125 km from nearest Atlas record (K&JVM). Blue Mts: present in Rankleburn V on 11/8, Siberia Rd on 23/11, 26/2; John O'Groats on 11/8. Waikaia Forest, 1 on 2/8, 30/8, 11/11 (MRRF). [SO] Codfish I, feeding on scale insects on *Dracophyllum longifolium* on 29/9 (CFJO'D).

SHINING CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

[WC] Punakaiki, first call of season on 23/9, heard frequently over summer (BJSM). Greymouth, first call on 30/9, last call on 27/1. Ross, first call on 29/8 (CSL). [OT] L Mahinerangi, 1 in young *Pinus radiata* on 2/1. Broad Bay, Otago Pen, 1 on 28/9. Macandrew Bay, Otago Pen, 1 on 7/11. Palmyra Flats, Dunedin, 1 on 26/10 (K&JVM). Flagstaff, seen in pine trees, Three Mine Hill area (ABB).

LONG-TAILED CUCKOO *Eudynamys taitensis*

[WC] Waiwhero Ck, Barrytown Flats, 1 on 27/10. Roa, 3 on 30/1 (BJSM). [OT] Kingston, 1 on 18/11 (MRRF).

MOREPORK *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

[OT] Burma Rd, Flagstaff, 1 sitting on stump being mobbed by Bellbirds, Blackbird, Fantail, Chaffinch and a Silvereye on 20/1 (D&JY). [SO] Kepler Track, 1 on 16-20/11 (MAM).

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

[CA] CH ponds, L Ellesmere, 2 on 10/8, 1 on 11/2 (CH). Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 5/11 (SP, KCH).

SPINE-TAILED SWIFT *Hirundapus caudacutus*

[CA] Gore Bay, 1 on 1/1 (SW).

NEW ZEALAND KINGFISHER *Halcyon sancta vagans*

[WC] Punakaiki-Barrytown Flats, regular sightings along roadsides. Pororari R, 1 on 25/3. Punakaiki R, 1 on 10/6 (BJSM). [CA] Ashley Est, 5 on 10/7 (SP, KCH). [OT] Hooper's Inlet, Otago Pen, 1 on 19/6 (A&CW). Outram Glen, breeding in hole in dead willow on 19/2 (G&DG). Waikaia, 1 on 11/11 (MRRF).

SOUTH ISLAND RIFLEMEN *Acanthisitta chloris chloris*

[CA] Okuti Valley, Banks Pen, 3 on 26/2 (SP, KCH). Takamatua, Akaroa H, occasional in kanuka remnants on 5/6 (CFJO'D). [OT] Camp Rd, Otago Pen, pr in roadside macrocarpas on 31/10 at 300 m asl Ross Ck, Dunedin, 3 mobbing an Eastern Rosella on 15/11 (K&JVM).

ROCK WREN *Xenicus gilviventris*

[OT] L Castalia, Wilkin V, 4 on 3/4 (MR). [SO] Mt Belle, Upper Hollyford Valley, 2 in Mar (RWS).

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

[OT] Peggy's Hill, Otago Pen, 3 singing in thick fog with visibility about 10 m on 9/1 (K&JVN).

WELCOME SWALLOW *Hirundo tahitica neoxena*

[OT] Peggy's Hill, Otago Pen, 2 flying 1 m above ground in thick fog with visibility about 10 m on 9/1 (K&JVM).

NEW ZEALAND PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Widespread on estuaries, open spaces and alpine areas, usually single or paired birds (CSL,BJSM). [CA] Very common on North Canterbury braided riverbeds in autumn (AC). [SO] Mt Burns, common on 26/3 (CFJO'D).

HEDGE SPARROW *Prunella modularis*

[MA] Blenheim, young bird being fed by parent, then 10 min later was feeding itself (PJ). [SO] Codfish I, common in Sept (CFJO'D).

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

[OT] Company Bay, Otago Pen, 1 in full song at dusk on 15/7 (K&JVM). [SO] Codfish I, common in Sept (CFJO'D).

SONG THRUSH *T. philomelos*

[SO] Codfish I, only 1 seen, 17-30/9 (CFJO'D).

SOUTH ISLAND FERNBIRD *Bowdleria punctata punctata*

[WC] Widespread and relatively plentiful in pakihi, wetlands and shrublands (BJSM). [OT] Flagstaff-Swampy Summit Track, Dunedin, 4 in *Phormium cookianum-Pseudopanax colensoi* on 9/4 (K&JVM). Waipori R, Glen Dhu Forest, 1 in snowgrass on 6/6 (MRRF).

CODFISH ISLAND FERNBIRD *Bowdleria punctata wilsoni*

[SO] Codfish I, seen in tall podocarp hardwood forest in Sept (CFJO'D).

YELLOWHEAD *Mohoua ochrocephala*

[MA] Mt Stokes, Marlborough Sds, 5 pr over breeding season, min 16 birds including 5 fledglings in Feb (DB). [WC] Fantail Ck Falls, nr Haast Pass, 6+ on 9/5 (HS,AS). [OT] Wonderland Flat, Wilkin V, 1 on 4/4 (MR). Blue Mts: present at John O'Groats on 11/8; Blackcleugh V, 4 on 26/10; Rankleburn V, 60 on 23/11, 20 on 26/2; Garden Gully, 42 on 25/11 (MRRF). [SO] Waikaia Forest, 4 on 11/11 (MRRF). Cromel Valley, nr Cromel/Action tracks' junction, 6 on 8/2 (WC).

BROWN CREEPER *M. novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Punakaiki, 2 in roadside bush on 11/10 (BJSM). Pororari R Track, small flock on 3/11. Arnold R Dam, 12-15 on 29/1 (CSL). [CA] Western Valley, Banks Pen, 6 on 19/7. Okuti Valley, Banks Pen, 8 on 26/2 (SP,KCH). Mt Herbert Reserve, nr Monument Track, Banks Pen, c.12 on 13/3

(ABF,ANDF). Takamatua, Akaroa H, 2 flocks of c.20 each on 5/6 (CFJO'D). [OT] L Mahinerangi, 30+ in monterey pine-douglas fir plantation on 2/1 (K&JVM).

SOUTH ISLAND TOMTIT *Petroica macrocephala macrocephala*

[CA] Mt Herbert Reserve, nr Monument Track, Banks Pen, 4 on 13/3 (ABF,ANDF). [OT] Larnach Castle, Otago Pen, male in sycamores on 22/2, male singing on 16/4, 30/4 (K&JVM). [SO] Kepler Track, several 16-20/11 (MAM).

SOUTH ISLAND ROBIN *P. australis australis*

[WC] Paparoa NP, common, usually singles or prs (BJSM). Arnold Dam walkway, 1 on 29/1, 31/3 (CSL).

BELLBIRD *Anthornis melanura*

[CA] Pegasus Bay braided rivers, small numbers occur in riverbank willows right down to the sea, many km from the nearest bush reserves. Christchurch, several records from the Parklands area, 2 in Travis swamp during April (AC).

TUI *Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Upper Taramakau R, below Locke Stream Hut, 1 giving an unmistakable Kokako-like call, 24/11 (AC). [SO] Kepler Track, 2 on 16-20/11 (MAM). Codfish I, feeding on honeydew on *Dracophyllum longifolium* on 29/9 (CFJO'D).

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

[SO] Codfish I, only 1 seen, 17-30/9 (CFJO'D).

CIRL BUNTING *E. cirrus*

[MA] Blenheim, 8 feeding on grass seed on 4/9 (PJ). [CA] Waipara RM, 1 male on 6/10 (TC). [OT] Taiaroa Hd, Otago Pen, 1 male on 23/2 (MR).

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

[SO] Codfish I, only 1 seen, 17-30/9 (CFJO'D).

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

[WC] Occasional sightings, not common (BJSM).

GOLDFINCH *C. carduelis*

[WC] Widespread and common, frequently in flocks of c.10 (BJSM).

AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE *Gymnorhina tibicen*

[WC] Widespread sightings of small numbers of birds. Rotomanu, 1 on 7/8. Arahura, 2 on 18/10 (BJSM), 8 on 30/6 (CSL). [SO] Woodlands, flock of 39 indicative of expanding population (MR).

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

[CA] Brighton Beach, 2 on 1/1 (TC). [OT] Dunback, 2 on 5/4, a new locality. Rocklands Stn, 1 at 600 m asl on 25/10, 5/12 (K&JVM). [SO] Blackmount, 1 on 8/1 (ILE). Mason Bay, Stewart I, 1 on 9/1 (DM).