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

Abbreviations: ad adult; AF Airfield; asl above sea level; B Beach; BP Bank's Peninsula; Crk Creek; E East; Est Estuary; grp group; Hbr 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; Nth North; NE North-east; NW North-west; pr pair; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; R River; Ra Range; RM River Mouth; Rd Road; SP Sewage Ponds; Sd Sound; SHW State Highway; Sth South; Strm Stream; SF State Forest; V Valley; W West.

SOUTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI *Apteryx australis australis*

[SO] Seaforth V, widespread sign in Oct. Loch Maree, 1 male heard on 26/10. Kintail Hut, 2 males, 1 female on 28/10. Light R, 2 pr and 3 males on 5-13/3. Dumping Hut, Milford Track, 1 male on 14/3 (IS).

AUSTRALASIAN CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus australis*

[CA] L Pearson, 7 pr on 14/6. L Grasmere, 10 pr on 14/6 (SC). Copulation on apparent nest site, no eggs on 20/1/94; pr on water, nest site washed away on 24/1/94. Maori L, Ashburton Lakes, 2 ads displaying, 1 ad and 1 imm on 8/3. L Heron, 1 ad with 2 well grown imm, 1 ad with 1 well grown imm, and 1 well grown imm alone, on 7/4 (PGr). Wairepo Arm (artificial ponds nr L Ruataniwha, Twizel), 13+ imm on 14/5 (ALR). L Forsyth, 43 on 16/5 (AC,SBu), 56 on 17/7, 4 on 2/5, 65 on 21/6. L Lyndon, 2 pr on 18/11. L Pearson, 5 birds + 1 pr on 18/1. L Georgina, 1 on 18/11 (KCH,SP). L Waitaki, 1 on 31/1 (SBr).

AUSTRALASIAN LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

[CA] Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 6 ad, one pr with nest on 29/1, 2 pr, 1 with 3 small chicks, other incubating on 5/2, 5 ad (1 pr with 5 chicks) on 18/2, gone by 10/5 when the ponds had virtually dried (DY). Pr with nest, 11 km Sth of Ashburton on SHW1 on 21/10, 2 ad + 2 well-grown chicks on 3/12, gone by 5/2 when pond had dried. Waikuku-Taranaki Creek, 1 on 7/8 (TC, KCH,SP).

WANDERING ALBATROSS *Diomedea exulans*

[MA] Kaikoura coast, 2 on 6/10 (SBr).

ROYAL ALBATROSS *D. epomophora*

[MA] Kaikoura coast, 1 on 5/10 (SBr).

BLACK-BROWED MOLLYMAWK *D. melanophrys*

[CA] Pegasus Bay, 1 ad, 15 km offshore on 14/5 (PL).

SHY MOLLYMAWK *D. cauta*

[MA] Kaikoura coast, 1 on 5/10, 1 on 8/3 (SBr).

BULLER'S MOLLYMAWK *D. bulleri*

[MA] Kaikoura coast, 1 on 5/10 (SBr). [CA] Entrance to Akaroa Hbr, 1 feeding on bycatch on 23/3 (SBr). Pegasus Bay, 1 ad, 15 km offshore on 14/5 (PL). [OT] Nugget Pt, 6 offshore on 17/5. [SO] Halfmoon Bay, c. 100 on 13/5 (AJT).

BULLER'S SHEARWATER *Puffinus bulleri*

[MA] Kaikoura Coast, common in March (SBr).

SOOTY SHEARWATER *P. griseus*

[MA] Motuara I, a few 100 scattered prs on 13/10/93 (AJT). Long I, 1 in burrow on 9/1 (WFC,RB,AJT). **[WC]** Off Punakaiki, 1000s flying north for 2 days over Christmas 1993 (CSL). **[SO]** Codfish I, 9 chicks in 43 study burrows on 15-23/3 (WC). Mason Bay, Stewart I, 2 blown inland by strong westerlies on 16/5 (TC).

FLUTTERING SHEARWATER *P. gavia*

[MA] Motuara I, a few 100 scattered prs mainly at Nth end of island on 13/10/93 (AJT). Stephen's Passage, 100 in Sept. Rangitoto I, NE of D'Urville I, c.300 with large flock of Red-billed Gulls feeding on krill in Oct (DB).

HUTTON'S SHEARWATER *P. huttoni*

[CA] Cheviot, 1 dead on 8/6 (CFJO'D).

LITTLE SHEARWATER *P. assimilis*

[CI] Mangere I, 1 Skua-killed in Nov (MB).

SOUTH GEORGIAN DIVING PETREL *Pelecanoides georgicus*

[OT] Kakanui township, 1 on 6/2 retrieved alive from cat, died soon after (AGH).

WESTLAND PETREL *Procellaria westlandica*

[OT] Off Taiaroa Hd, 1 on 4/11 (A&CRW). **[SO]** Doubtful to Breaksea Sd, seen 2-3 times on 5-8/11 (IS).

WHITE-CHINNED PETREL *P. aequinoctialis*

[WC] Greymouth, 1 dead on 11/8 (CSL). **[OT]** Off Taiaroa Hd, seen on 28/3 (HGS). **[SO]** Doubtful to Breaksea Sd, seen 6-8 times on 5-8/11 (IS).

CAPE PIGEON *Daption capense*

[CA] Akaroa Hbr entrance, 2 on 22/10. Off Dyke Head, BP, 1 on 2/11. Off Ohaho Bay, BP, 1 on 11/12 (SBr). Pegasus Bay, groups of up to 40 noted around vessel at anchor on 13/5 (PL). **[OT]** Off Taiaroa Hd, 6 in grp on 25/11 (A&CRW).

GIANT PETREL *Macronectes* sp.

[CA] Various locations, around BP, Sept - Apr. Goughs Bay, BP, 6 scavenging dead fur seal on 21/3 (SBr). **[OT]** Oamaru Hbr, 1 on 5/12. All Day Bay B, 1 on 2/3 (AGH). Off Taiaroa Hd, 1 on 25/10, 25/11 (A&CRW), 1 dark phase on 28/3 (HGS).

SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL *M. giganteus*

[OT] Tomahawk B, 1 on 16/9 (MR). Taiaroa Hd, 1 on 25/1 (A&CRW).

FAIRY PRION *Pachyptila turtur*

[WC] Islet off Motukiekie, 20 Km Nth of Greymouth, large chicks present in at

least 8 burrows on 6/1 (BJSM). **[OT]** Oamaru Hbr, 1 on 4/3, removed alive from boat deck (AGH).

BROAD-BILLED PRION *P. vittata*

[OT] Abbotsford, Dunedin, ad on ground on 29/12 (KM).

COOK'S PETREL *Pterodroma cookii*

[SO] Codfish I, 23 chicks in 41 study burrows on 15-23/3, highest recorded since study began in 1983 (WC).

BLACK-WINGED PETREL *P. nigripennis*

[CA] Fifield Tce, Opawa, Christchurch, 1 freshly dead on 9/4 (ALR,DF). Sth New Brighton B, Christchurch, 2 freshly wrecked on 13/4 (AC,SBu).

MOTTLED PETREL *P. inexpectata*

[SO] Doubtful to Breaksea Sd, 6 on 5-8/11 (IS). Codfish I, 9 chicks in 45 study burrows on 15-23/3, lowest record since study began in 1986 (WC)

YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN *Megadyptes antipodes*

[CA] Flea Bay, BP, 1 on 2/11. Akaroa Hbr, 2 on 14/11, 6/12 and 8/12 (SBr). **[SO]** Curio Bay, 1 ashore at 1430 hrs on 28/6 (WC).

BLUE PENGUIN *Eudyptula minor*

[MA] Motuara I, a few 100 scattered prs on 13/10/93 (AJT). **[WC]** Harihari B, many tracks in the sand on 24/5 (CSL). **[CI]** L Kairae, 1 on 29/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** Pukerauataha I, Port Levy, BP, 1 ashore at likely breeding site on 6/6/94 (KJW). Wainui, BP, 1 at salmon farm attacked and killed by Black-backed Gull, mid Dec 1994 (PGr). Between Wainui-Lucas Bay, BP, 1 braying in cave at 1600 on 4/5 (PL). **[SO]** Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, max 5 on 14-23/10 (IS). Ulva I, c.20 offshore on 13/5 (AJT).

FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN *Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*

[SO] Yates Pt, NW Fiordland, 124 nests on 22/8, 52 % lower than similar count on 17/9. Possible predators observed at colony were possum, stoat, and ship rat (K&JVM). Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, 1 on 23/10 (IS).

AUSTRALASIAN GANNET *Morus serrator*

Numerous records from Kaikoura, Marlborough Sds and West Coast. **[MA]** Kenepuru Sd, ads diving on floating fish bait on 13/10 (PL). Kaikoura Pen, 3 on 5/3. **[CA]** Hurunui RM, 2 on 5/3 (AC). Akaroa Hbr and off BP, up to 4, Sept-May (SBr). At sea nr Birdlings Flat, 1 on 17/7 (KCH,SP). **[OT]** Waianakarua RM, 4 on 18/3 (AGH). Shag Pt, 2 on 12/3. Off Taiaroa Hd, 3 on 28/11, 2 on 15/1 (A&CRW), 1 imm on 8/3 (HGS). **[SO]** Milford Sd, 1 on 2/7. Bligh Sd, 1 on 2/7. George Sd, 1 on 1/7. Caswell Sd, 1 on 1/7. Thompson Sd, 8 on 1/7. Bradshaw Sd, 1 on 1/7 (WC). Doubtful to Breaksea Sd, 5 on 5/11 (IS).

BLACK SHAG *Phalacrocorax carbo*

[WC] L Poerua, c.20 on 7/4/94. Taramakau RM, 10 on 3/6 (CSL). **[CA]** Harts Crk, L Ellesmere, 118 roosting in willows on dusk on 9/4 (AC,SBu). Upper Waitaki R, 15 feeding in run with one observed swallowing salmon smolt on 26/4 (PL). **[OT]** All Day Bay, 2 on 8/1. Hooper's Inlet, 12 on 18/3 (A&CRW).

PIED SHAG *P. varius*

[MA] Anakawa Bay, D'Urville I, small nesting colony present (DB). Motuara I, 20 dive times of one bird offshore gave mean of 22 secs, range 10-32, on 14/10/93 (AJT). **[WC]** New R, 1 on 17/11 (CSL). **[CA]** Rakaia RM, imm present throughout Feb (PL). Okains Bay, 18 at island roost on 17/4 (AC).

LITTLE BLACK SHAG *P. sulcirostris*

[WC] First local record on 26/11/92. L Ryan, 4 on 14/4 (CSL). **[CA]** Linwood Ave canal, Christchurch, up to 2 daily in autumn (AC). Taranaki Creek, 1 on 15/4. Ashley Est, 1 on 21/5 (TC).

LITTLE SHAG *P. melanoleucos*

[WC] L Ryan, 14 on 8/6 (CSL). **[CA]** Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 12 occupied nests on 13/1, 10 occupied on 29/1, 5 with young and 1 ad sitting, 12 fledglings in willows nearby on 18/2, (DY). Selwyn R colony 130+, many incubating on 17/8, 200+ with c.150 nests on 11/9. Waikuku, 6 nests, 2 incubating, on 28/8 (KCH,SP). Christchurch Botanic Gardens, min 27 nests Sept-Feb, 13 nests on 23/11, 14 new nests by 19/12 (ANDF). Upper Heathcote R, Hoon Hay, 1 on 8/5 (PL). **[OT]** Papanui Inlet, 2 on 8/2. Hooper's Inlet, 2 on 8/2, 52 on 10/4, 112 on 18/3, 48 on 15/3, 54 on 3/5, 22 on 11/5. All Day Bay, 3 on 6/6. Catlins Lake, 8 on 6/2 (A&CRW).

NEW ZEALAND KING SHAG *Leucocarbo carunculatus*

[MA] Tory Channel entrance, 1 on 30/4/93 (AJT).

STEWART ISLAND SHAG *L. chalconotus*

[OT] Taiaroa Hdl, birds nesting, some with chicks on 13/11 (A&CRW).

CHATHAM ISLAND SHAG *L. onslowi*

[CI] Motuhinahina, 35+ on 25/12/93. Cape Fournier, 67 roosting on 26/12/93 (AJT).

SPOTTED SHAG *Stictocarbo punctatus*

[NE] Marehau to Tonga I, Abel Tasman NP, 310+ on 14/5/93 (AJT). **[MA]** Goose Bay, Kaikoura Coast, well over 1000 in June (SC). **[CA]** Akaroa Hbr, 1 carrying nest material on 15/9 (SBr). Ashley Est, 50+ on 30/12 (KCH,SP). Rakaia RM, 196 on 8/2. Ashburton RM, 2016 on 8/2 roosting on cliff edge as well as the shingle spit (AC). Birdlings Flat, flock of c.7920 close inshore on 16/5 (AC,SBu). **[OT]** Boatman's Hbr,

Oamaru, 7 nests, 6 with large young on 25/9 (AGH). Nugget Pt, 100+ on 17/5 (AJT).

BLUE SHAG *S. punctatus steadi*

[WC] Motukiekie, c.300 on flat rock islet, some young still in nests on 12/12 (CSL). Perpendicular Pt, birds at colony, nest building and courting, no eggs seen on 24/6 (KJW,PGa,ANDF).

WHITE-FACED HERON *Ardea novaehollandiae*

[WC] Carter's B Rd, 20 in flock on 18/6 (BJSM). **[CI]** Te Whanga Lgn, 1 on 25/12, 28/12/93. Kaiangaroa, 2 on 30/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 7 on 18/2 (DY). **[OT]** Papanui Inlet, 29 on 8/2. Hooper's Inlet, 10 on 13/11, 1 on 8/2, 17 on 10/4, 6 on 3/5, 2 on 11/6. Catlins L, 39 on 6/2 (A&CRW).

WHITE HERON *Egretta alba*

[WC] Orowaiti Est, 2 on 17/6 (CSL). Okari Est, 1 on 18/6 (BJSM). Kumara Junction, 1 on 20/2 (SBr). **[CA]** Conway RM, 11 on 24/6 (JAC). Ashley Est, 1 on 14/5 (AC). Taranaki Crk, 1 on 7/8 (TC) Avon-Heathcote Est and Travis Swamp, Christchurch, 1 through autumn and winter (AC). L Forsyth, 2, Mar-Jun (AC,SBu). L Ellesmere: seen Embankment-Yarrrs Rds, 1 to 3 in Jul-Nov and Feb-Jun, max 7 on 20/12 (CH), winter census (June) 10 (OSNZ), Kaitorete Spit, 3 on 1/7, Taumutu, 1 on 28/5, Kaituna, 2 on 20/5, 1 on 21/6, 3 on 1/7, nr Selwyn RM, 1 on 26/11 (KCH, SP). Coopers Lgn, 1 on 12/2 (AC). Ohau R, 5 km upstream from L Benmore, 1 on 25/9. Ahuriri R, 1 km below SHW bridge, 1 on 30/10. Bendrose Crk, Twizel, 1 on 4/6, (ALR,DF). L Wainono, 2 on 26/6 (AC). **[OT]** Kakanui Est, 1 on 25/5, 26/2, 30/4, 18/6. All Day Bay Lgn, 1 on 9/3, 8/4 (AGH). Hawkesbury Lgn, 1 on 13/8 (D&JY). Kaikorai Est, 1 on 20/5 (LJG). Dunedin City, records of single birds from March to July (LF,K&JVM,PS,A&CRW). L Waipori, 1 on 27/1 (MT).

LITTLE EGRET *E. garzetta*

[WC] Orowaiti Est, 1 on 7/5. L Ryan and other sites around Greymouth, 1 on 1/9, 26/10, 14/4, 19/5, showing aggressive behaviour towards White and White-faced Herons (CSL). **[CA]** L Forsyth outlet, Birdlings Flat, 1 on 17/7 (KCH,SP). Kaituna, L Ellesmere, 1 on 14/11 (CH). Hanmer Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 5/6 (AC,SBu), 24/6 (AC). **[OT]** Hawkesbury Lgn, 1 on 13/8 (D&JY).

INTERMEDIATE EGRET *E. intermedia*

[WC] Greymouth lakes and lagoons, 1 on 6/2-16/2 (CSL).

REEF HERON *E. sacra*

[NE] Abel Tasman NP, Sandfly Bay, 1, Tonga I, 2, Bark Bay, 1 on 14/5/93 (AJT). **[MA]** Anakawa Bay, D'Urville I, 1 in Sept. French Pass, pr by lighthouse in Sept (DB). Seal Colony, Kaikoura, 1 on 3/11 (CFJO'D). **[OT]** Shag Pt, 1 on 12/3 (A&CRW). Maukiekie Is, 2 on 2/10 (KB,TDM). Anderson's Lgn, 1 on 11/12 (D&JY).

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

[MA] East of Blenheim, 6-7 on 8/1 (WFC,RB,AJT). [WC] Orowaiti Est, 21 on 18/6 (CSL). Inangahua Landing, 1 on 1/5 (BJSM). L Ryan, 2 on 7/7. Totara Flat, 1 on 16/5 (CSL). [CA] Waikuku, 2 on 14/5 (AC). Numerous records L Ellesmere area. Colletts Rd, 20 on 5/6 (AC,SBu). Greenpark Rd, 10 on 17/8. Wolfes Rd, 12 on 11/9, 11 with 4 in breeding plumage on 11/1. Drain Rd, 18 on 28/5 (KCH,SP). Clarkes Rd, 7 on 10/9, 12 on 11/9 and 17/9. Drain Rd, 12 on 20/5 (CH). Kaituna Lgn, 1 on 16/9 (SBr). L Forsyth, 1 perched on post on 21/6 (KCH,SP). Okains Bay, 1 feeding in paddocks with White-faced Herons on 17/4(AC). Coldstream, Sth Canterbury, 6 on 18/11 (DJ). [OT] L Waipori, 1 in breeding plumage on 27/1 (MT). Titiri, Taieri Plains, 4 on 25/8, 7/5 (G&DG,KM). Bull Crk Rd, W Taieri, 15 on 13/8, 5 on 31/10 (G&DG,D&JY). Paretai, nr Balclutha, 16 on 13/8 (D&JY). [SO] Southland Winter Count 1994, c.40, far fewer than previously. Riverton, 11 in full breeding plumage on 19/11 (ILE). Milford Sd, 1 on 2/7 (WC). Chalky Inlet, 1 on 11/9/93 (AJT).

AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus poiciloptilus*

[CA] St Anne's Lgn, 1 on 7/6 (SC). Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 1-2 seen July-Aug and 4/11 (CH). Ohau R-Twizel R junction, 1 on 17/11. Lower Twizel R, 1 on 8/2 (ALR,DF). [OT] Taieri Ferry Rd, 1 on 19/9 being harrassed by Harrier (PS).

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

[WC] Westport, 1 on 3/5/93 (AB). Blaketown Lgn, 1 on 16/3 (CSL). Whataroa, 14 on 9/11 (DOC). Haast, 26 on 22/11 (GMcS). [CA] Hill's ponds, L Ellesmere, 2 on 7-10/9, 3 on 7/11, 4 on 20/11, 5/12 and 20-22/1, 7 on 1/5, 4 on 8/5, 5 on 17/5, Clarkes Rd, L Ellesmere, 3 on 11/9 and 17/9. Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 3 on 30/9 and 4-5/10, 6 on 10/4, 15/4 and 7/5, 5 on 23/5. Wolfes Rd, L Ellesmere, 6 on 10/4 (CH), 3 on 11/9, 5 on 24/6, (KCH,SP).

ROYAL SPOONBILL *Platalea regia*

[NE] Motueka Est, 6 on 15/6 (SC). [MA] Wairau Lgn, 10 in June 1994, 125 in Feb (OSNZ). [WC] Orowaiti Est, 1 on 24/11/93. Buller RM, 2 on 13/6 (SBr). L Ryan, 1 on 21/10/93. Okarito breeding colony, 11 nests fledged 7 young in 1990/91, 11 nests fledged 5 young in 1991/92, 16 nests fledged 15 young in 1992/93, 27 adults and 13 fledglings on 6/2 (DOC). Saltwater Lgn, c.30 on 6/2/94 (IJ). [CA] Hurunui RM, 1 on 7/6 (CFJO'D). Ashley Est, 6 on 2/7 (JK), 7 on 19/11 (TC). Kaiapoi settling ponds, 5 on 5/7 (SP,KCH). Bromley SP, Avon-Heathcote Est, max 91 on 8/4 including 7 Marlborough banded birds. L Forsyth, 3 on 11/4. L Ellesmere, numerous records: Between Embankment and Clarkes Rd, 3 on 4/7, 2 on 22/6 (CH). Yarrs Rd, 1 on 9/9 and 13/10, 7 on 16/10, 13 on 11/11, 4 on 21/11, 13 on 10/4. Kaituna, 6 on 17/9, 48 on 14/11, 29 on 13/4 (CH), 2 on 14/12. Wolfes Rd end, 4 on 11/9, 1 on 14/10, 15 on 9/4 (KCH,SP). Coopers Lgn 1 on 24/6 (AC). L Wainono, 16 on 3/12, 12 of which flew sth (TC,KCH,MMcF). [OT] All Day Bay Lgn, 3 on 12/2. Fortification Rd, Nth Otago, 3 on 12/2, 2 on 29/3. Kakanui Est, 6 on 14/2, 7 on 26/2, 9 on 9/3, 10 on 8/4, 3 on 30/4 (AGH). Maukiekie I, 101 adults on 1/12 (KB,TDM). Waikouaiti R, 2 on 18/4. Hooper's

Inlet, 1 on 26/2 (K&JVM), 1 on 5/3, 5 on 30/4 (A&CRW). Kaikorai Est, 23 on 27/11, 2 on 19/2 (K&JVM). Green I, 80 on 9/1 (PS). L Waipori, 6 on 27/1 (MT). Catlin's L, 6 on 4/2 (K&JVM), 14 on 7/5 (D&JY). **[SO]** Omaui I, 32 ad, 17 nests and 8 chicks visible from mainland on 6/1 (WC). Invercargill Est, 63 on 10/4 (RSi).

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

[CA] St Anne's Lgn, 1 on 7/6 (SC). Ashley Est, 2 on 28/8. Taranaki Crk, pr with juvs on 15/4. Waikuku B, 1 pr with 5 full-grown cygnets on 3/3 (KCH,SP). L Forsyth, 1 on 29/7 (CFJO'D). Timberyard Point, L Ellesmere, 1 ad with 3 well-grown cygnets on 21/1, 2 pr on 12/6 (SC). Wolfes Rd, L Ellesmere, 3 on 17/8. Kaituna Lgn, 1 on 21/6 (KCH,SP). Coopers Lgn, 35 - all adults on 1/4, 35 including several juvs on 28/5 (TC,KCH,SP), 31 on 12/2, 33 on 5/6, 35 on 24/6 (AC, SBu). Summer 94/95, pr raised 1 young on Pukaki ponds/Lower Tekapo R (ALR,RJN).

BLACK SWAN *C. atratus*

[WC] Barrytown Flats, 85 ad & 3 juvs on 18/6 (BJSM). Greymouth, max 27 on 8/6 (CSL). **[CA]** Wainoni, Christchurch, 1 on Avon R on 20/5 (AC). L Forsyth, 3849 on 11/2 (AC,SBu). **[OT]** All Day Bay, 45 on 8/1. Hooper's Inlet, 130 on 3/5, 126 on 11/6 (A&CRW), pr with 3 downy cygnets on 13/11, 3/12 (KM). Papanui Inlet, 97 on 10/4, 401 on 8/2 (A&CRW). **[SO]** George Sd, 4 on 1/7. Charles Sd, 2 on 1/7 (WC).

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

[WC] Canoe Crk, Barrytown Flats, 73 on 18/6 (BJSM). **[CA]** Avon-Heathcote Est/Bromley SP, 2312 on 30/6 (AC). L Forsyth, 1106 on 11/2 (AC,SBu). **[OT]** All Day Bay Lgn, intermittent but increasing, 35 on 9/3, 68 on 30/4, highest figures over last 8 years (AGH).

HYBRID GOOSE

[CA] Taranaki Creek, a bird with body feathering of a Canada Goose, and head and neck of a Domestic Goose, overall shape of a Domestic Goose, on 18/6, 7/8 (TC). **[SO]** Seaforth RM, 2 on 21/10 (IS).

CAPE BARREN GOOSE *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*

[CA] Cam R, Nth of Kaiapoi, 2 on 5/3 (AC).

PARADISE SHELDUCK *Tadorna variegata*

[CA] Bromley SP, 1374 on 10/1 (AC). L Forsyth, 941 on 11/2 (AC,SBu). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 1 pr + 3 ducklings on 13/1 (DY). Southbrook SP, 300+ on 26/3 (AC,SBu). **[OT]** Ngapara, 357 feeding in wheat paddock. All Day Bay, 25 on 8/1 (A&CRW). Papanui Inlet, pr with 9 juvs on 13/11 (KM). Hooper's Inlet, 24 on 10/4, 40 on 3/5, 33 on 11/6 (A&CRW), pr with 9 downy juvs on 13/11, 3/12. Dunedin City landfill ponds, pr with 4 downy juvs on 11/10 (KM). **[SO]** Caswell Sd, 2 on 1/7. The Neck, Thompson Sd, 1 on 1/7 (WC).

CHESTNUT-BREADED SHELDUCK *T. tadornoides*

[CA] Coopers Lgn, 1 pr in paddock near lgn on 5/6 (AC,SBu). L Wainono, 1 male on 25/6 (TC). Godley R Delta, 1 male, feeding with Grey Teal, on 10/2. L Tekapo, 1 male in moult on 16/4 (ALR,DF). [SO] Waimatuku wetland, 1 with Paradise Shelducks on 9/2 (ILE).

BLUE DUCK *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*

[CA] Nina R, Lewis Pass, 1 on 5/3 (PW). Orari R Gorge, 1 on 26/11 (ANDE,ABF).[OT] Upper Caples hut, 1 male heard on 20/12 (IS). [SO] Upper Seaforth V, 2 pr plus 1 male heard on 28/10. Light R, 5 pr plus 3 singles on 7-12/3. Staircase Crk Flats, 1 pr on 3/3. Boatshed Hut, Milford Track, 1 pr on 15/3 (IS).

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

[WC] L Ryan, 187 on 11/5. Hokitika SP, 512 on 15/4 (CSL). [CA] Woodend Lgn, 1260 on 15/2, 2060 on 19/5. L Forsyth, 1246 on 11/2. Southbrook SP, 2020 on 26/3 (AC,SBu). [OT] Papanui Inlet, 45 on 8/2. Hooper's Inlet, 148 on 10/4, 101 on 3/5, 85 on 11/6 (A&CRW). [SO] Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, 16+ 4 ducklings, 1 hybrid on 21/10 (IS).

GREY DUCK *A. superciliosa*

[WC] Bullock Crk Farm, Paparoa NP, c.40 on 24/5 (BJSM). Taramakau RM, 7 on 16/6. Mikonui, 7 on 25/2 (CSL). [CA] Bromley SP, 2068 on 13/3. L Forsyth, 2098 on 11/2 (AC,SBu). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 1 on 13/1 (DY). [SO] Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, 10 on 21/10 (IS).

GREY TEAL *A. gracilis*

[WC] Seldom recorded. Buller R Wildlife Refuge, 9 on 18/6. Range Crk Lgn, Greymouth, 2 on 14/4 (CSL). [OT] Kakanui RM, c.10 on 22/7 (SBr), 4 on 6/6. All Day Bay, 64 on 5/1, 132 on 8/1, 29 on 6/6 (A&CRW). L Logan, Lammermoor Ra, 4 on 31/12 (K&JVM). Hooper's Inlet, 128 on 8/2, 356 on 10/4, 177 on 3/5, 343 on 11/6 (A&CRW).

BROWN TEAL *A. aucklandica*

[SO] Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, 1 male apparently paired with female Mallard on 14/10. Gair Loch, 2 males on 30/10 (IS).

NEW ZEALAND SHOVELER *A. rhynchotis variegata*

[WC] Range Crk Lgn, Greymouth, 104 on 16/3, 77 on 8/6. L Karoro, 157 on 14/4, 176 on 11/5 (CSL). [CA] Woodend lagoon, 234 on 19/5. Bromley SP, 5577 on 13/3. Southbrook SP, 138 on 26/3 (AC,SBu). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 1 with 4 ducklings on 13/1 (DY). [OT] All Day Bay, 17 on 6/6. Kakanui RM, c.20 on 22/7 (SBr). Hooper's Inlet, 4 on 13/11, 2 on 8/2, 88 on 10/4, 83 on 3/5, 25 on 11/6 (A&CRW).

WHITE-EYED DUCK *Aythya australis*

[WC] Oparara Est, 2 on 19/11. L Ryan, 2 on 17/2/94 (accepted by Rare Birds Committee, CSL).

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP *A. novaeseelandiae*

[WC] L Karoro, max 35 on 14/4 (CSL). **[CA]** Linwood Ave canal, Christchurch, 2 pr nested 1994-95 season. Bromley SP, 20+ pairs nested in 1994-95 season, 546 on 13/3. Horseshoe L, Christchurch, 24 on 11/4. Wigram East Retention Basin, Christchurch, 9 on 20/6. Westlake Pond, Christchurch, 74 on 20/6 (AC). Groynes picnic area, 65 on 30/7. Kaiapoi ponds, 82 on 30/7. Peacock Springs, 146 on 4/8. Orana Park, 48 on 4/8. L Pearson, 31 on 18/11 (KCH/SP). Victoria Lake, Christchurch, 10 on 8/5. Mesopotamia tarns, Upper Rangitata R, 12 on 5/4 (PL). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 3 on 13/1 and 18/2 (DY). **[OT]** Totara, nr Oamaru, 2 on farm pond on 2/10, 3 ad & 7 ducklings on 20/11 (ARB). Fortification Rd ponds, 4 on 22/8, 25/9, 1 on 3/10. Pr raised 3 young to fledging in 1993/94 (AGH). **[SO]** Seaforth RM, 11 on 16/10. Gair Loch, 24 on 24/10 (IS).

AUSTRALASIAN HARRIER *Circus approximans*

[CA] Christchurch, wandering juvs often seen over Christchurch City in late summer-autumn (AC). Nest with four chicks which fledged successfully at Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, on 26/11 (KCH,SP). **[OT]** Hooper's Inlet, 14 on 30/4 (A&CRW).

NEW ZEALAND FALCON *Falco novaeseelandiae*

[MA] Maud I, 1 in Oct. Havelock, 1 in June (DB). Picton, 1 chasing Black & Red-billed Gulls on 15/5/93 (AJT). **[WC]** Paparoa NP, regularly seen in ones or twos. Hibernia Crk, 1 on 3/11. Bullock Crk farm, 1 on 4/1. Punakaiki Village, 1 on 25/5 (BJS). Greymouth, 1 attacked by Black-backed Gull on 20/1. Cobden, 1 on chicken run on 28/3 (CSL). **[CA]** Teddington side of Gebbies Pass, BP, 1, very dark, probably juv on 10/5 (KJW). Sth shore, L Heron, 1 on 18/2 (PGr). Lower Ahuriri R, SHW bridge, 1 mobbed by 5-10 Black-fronted Terns on 8/10/93. Ohau R /L Ruataniwha, nr Black Stilt aviary, 1 mobbed by Black-fronted Tern on 20/11. Glentanner/Tasman R delta 1 on 15/1 and 29/1 (ALR,DF). Mueller Hut, Mt Cook, 1 on 7/5 (CL). **[OT]** Caples V, 2 territories in Dec and Feb (IS). Surveyor's Flat, Dart R, 1 heard on 15/12. Warrington B, 1 on 31/5 (CL). Wakari Rd, Dunedin, 1 on 24/8 (D&JY). Glenleith, Dunedin, 1 on 28/4 (KM). E Taieri, 1 on 9/5 (RC). Roxburgh Gorge, 1 juv on 5/2, 1 ad on 6/2 (MAM). Arrowtown, 2 on 4/2. **[SO]** Kaipo V, 2 on 18/8 (KM). Seaforth R, 1 on 20/10. Burt Flat, 1 on 20/10. Loch Maree, 1 on 25/10 (IS). Maitua Ra, 1 on 12/4 (WC).

CALIFORNIA QUAIL *Callipepla californica*

[CA], Lower Ohau R, 4 km above L Benmore (first sighting in Mackenzie Basin since 1991) 1 on 11/11 (ALR).

BANDED RAIL *Rallus philippensis*

[MA] Kiuma Bay, Inner Pelorus Sd, several present in Aug (DB).

WESTERN WEKA *Gallirallus australis australis*

[NE] Mt Owen area, a few on 4-6/1 (AJT). [SO] Deas Cove, Thompson Sd, 1 on 1/7 (WC). Spey R, 1 black phase on 1/11. Arthur R, 1 on 3/3, 1 black phase on 15/3. Light R, 2 black, 3 brown on 9-12/3 (IS).

STEWART ISLAND WEKA *G. australis scotti*

[SO] Ulva I, occasional on 13/5 (AJT).

SPOTLESS CRAKE *Porzana tabuensis*

[CA] Godley R delta, 1 on 14/1 (ALR).

MARSH CRAKE *P. pusilla*

[CA] Amberley B, Golfcourse Swamp, 1 flushed at dusk on 4/1 (AC). [OT] Devil's Bridge wetland, Nth Otago, dog caught single bird on 10/2 (AGH). Taieri B, 1 on 23/4 (GRC).

PUKEKO *Porphyrio p. melantos*

[CI] Groups of 2 or 3 birds on main Chatham I, on 26/11-31/12/93 (AJT). [CA] Travis Swamp, Christchurch, 638 on 17/6. Styx Mill Basin, Christchurch, 81 on 20/6 (AC). L2 RM, L Ellesmere, 50+ on 22/3. Coopers Lgn, 56 on 28/5 (KCH,SP). [OT] Catlins L, 5 on 6/2 (A&CRW).

AUSTRALIAN COOT *Fulica atra australis*

[CA] Woodend Lagoon, 2 on 15/2 (AC). Kaiapoi ponds, 36 on 30/7. Peacock Springs, 50 on 4/8 (KCH,SP). Bromley SP, 1 on 10/1 (AC). Ashburton Lakes, 345 on 17/7 (CFJO'D). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 7 ads, 5 chicks (3+2) on 'grebe pond', 4 ads, 2 chicks on 'stock car pond' on 29/1, 10+ and 14 chicks (3+3+2+3+3) on 18/2 (DY).

SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

[WC] Oparara Est, 85 on 17/6. Orowaiti Est, 88 on 18/6. Westport AF, 100 on 18/6. Okari Lgn, 52 on 18/11, 300-400 on 6/2 (CSL), 202 on 18/6 (BJSJ). [CA] Avon-Heathcote Est, 4067 on 10/3, 4844 on 6/5, 3284 on 22/6 (AC). Okains Bay, 63 on 17/4 (AC). Church Bay, Lyttelton Hbr, 2 on most days Feb-July 1994 and 1995 (KJW). L Ellesmere, regular records: Davidson Rd, 147 on 9/7. Kaitorete Spit, 15 on 17/9. Colin Hill's Ponds, 5 on 6/12 (CH). Clarkes Rd, 51 on 3/10 (KCH,SP). Rakaia RM, 34 on 8/2 (AC). [OT] Catlins L, ad with large chick on 4/2 (K&JVM). [SO] Mason Bay, Stewart Is, several on 15/5 (AJT).

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER *H. unicolor*

[MA] Maud I, 6 pr, 1 with eggs and 1 with fledglings in Dec (DB), 19 around entire coast on 12/1 (EB,AJT). [WC] Little Wanganui RM, 34 on 19/11, 39 on 17/6. Oparara Est, 12 on 17/6. Okari Lgn, 29 on 6/2 (CSL), 18 on 18/6 (BJSJ). Haast B, 2 pr on 8/2 (SBr). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 black, 1 pied on 14/5. Waipara RM, 2 black on 14/

5. Avon-Heathcote Est, max 42 on 22/6 (AC). Le Bons Bay, 2 black on 25/3 (ANDF,ABF). Okains Bay, 3 black on 17/4 (AC). L Ellesmere, 16 from 3/10-29/1 (KCH,SP). **[OT]** Katiki B, 3 pr on 21/1 (SBr). Warrington B, banded bird from Victory B, with flock of 40 on 13/11 (OSNZ), 1 smudgy bird on 12/8 (FA). Kettle Park, Dunedin, 1 banded bird on 12/7 turned up back at breeding ground at Boulder B on following day (BMcK). Portobello Rd, 14 on 24/4 (A&VB). Papanui Inlet, 8 on 8/2. Hooper's Inlet, 2 on 3/5 (A&CRW). Cabbage Pt, Catlins, pr with chick on 4/2 (K&JVM). **[SO]** Thompson Sd, 2 at the Neck & 2 at Deas Cove on 1/7 (WC). Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, 17 on 21/10. Light RM, 1 on 8/3 (IS). Mason Bay, Stewart I, 1 black, 1 smudgy on 15/5 (AJT).

CHATHAM ISLAND OYSTERCATCHER *H. chathamensis*

[CI] Pt Gap, 3 on 5/12/93 (AJT).

AUSTRALASIAN PIED STILT *Himantopus b. leucocephalus*

[WC] Orowaiti Est, 46 on 18/6. Carter's B Rd, 31 on 18/6 (BJSM). Okari Lgn, 17 including 5 imm on 16/6 (CSL). **[CA]** Avon-Heathcote Est, 175 on 10/3, 157 on 13/5, 152 on 22/6. L Forsyth, 252 on 2/1, 201 on 11/2, 411 on 18/3 (AC,SBu). Wolfe's Rd, L Ellesmere, 300+ on 19/1 (KCH,SP). Yarrs-Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 152 on 18/5 (CH). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 90+ on 18/2 (DY). South bank, L Heron, 2 ad + 3 well grown imm, on 24/1, imms not often seen around L Heron (PGr). Ashburton R, near SHW bridge, 10 on 29/12 (CSL). **[OT]** Kakanui RM, c.20 on 22/7 (SBr). Hooper's Inlet, 152 on 3/5 (A&CRW), ad & downy juv on 3/12 (KM). All Day Bay, 13 on 6/6 (A&CRW).

BLACK STILT *H. novaeseelandiae*

[CA] L Wainono, 1 on 25/6 (TC). Clarkes-Embankment Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 22/6 and 26/6, 1 hybrid on 26/6 (CH).

NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL *Charadrius obscurus*

[SO] Awarua Bay Sth, 3 on 5/2 (K&JVM), 16 on 24/4, 13 on 28/5, 12 on 24/6 (WC). Mason Bay, 49 on 15/5 (JHJ).

BANDED DOTTEREL *C. bicinctus*

[WC] Westport AF, 13 on 18/6. Okari Lgn, 10 on 6/2 (CSL), 28 on 18/6. Razor-back B, 2 on 31/7, 4 on 28/11 (BJSM). **[CI]** Waitangi West, 1 on 21/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** Conway RM, 32 on 5/3. Kowai RM, 23 on 4/1 (AC). Avon-Heathcote Est, max 111 on 5/6. L Forsyth, 82 on 11/2 (AC,SBu). Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, many hundreds on 11/1 and 11/3 (KCH,SP). Davidson Rd, L Ellesmere, 167 on 9/7. Yarrs - Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 348 on 18/5, (CH). Halswell Flats, L Ellesmere, 810 on 17/2 (AC). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 3 on 18/2 (DY). Lake Stm, L Heron, 3 or 4 birds, some miles down valley on 11/3 (PGr). **[OT]** All Day Bay, 2 on 5/1. Hooper's Inlet, 8 on 13/11, 34 on 3/5, 74 on 11/6. Catlins L, 17 on 6/2 (A&CRW). Aramoana, nesting on 4/11 (GRC). **[SO]** Eglinton V, 1 on 10/10, first record in 6 yrs (CFJO'D). Professor Crk, Madagascar Bay, NW Fiordland, 4 on 23/8 (KM). Awarua Bay Sth, 146 on 5/2 (K&JVM). Mason Bay, Stewart I, 57 on 16/5 (AJT).

LARGE SAND DOTTEREL *C. leschenaultii*

[OT] Aramoana, 1 on 9/3, subject to confirmation by Rare Birds Committee (PS).

BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL *C. melanops*

[CA] Waipara R, c. 5 km above SH1 bridge to coast surveyed, 6 only found on 21/8 (TC,KCH,SP), Double Corner pr with well grown chick on 30/10, pursuing Kingfishers (TC). Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 in July-Aug (CH). Lower Ahuriri R, 5 km upstream from delta 1 on 9/11/92 (ALR,RM). Levels Gravel Pits, Timaru, 2 on 18/2 (DY), 25 on 10/5 (TC,SP,MMcF). Washdyke Lagoon, 2 on 5/2 and 25/6 (TC).

WRYBILL *Anarhynchus frontalis*

[CA] Ashley R, 2 ads next to Rangiora Bridge on 2/1 (AC). Ashley Est and Saltwater Creek, 12 on 27/8, 6 on 2/10 (SP,KCH). Avon-Heathcote Est, 2 on 5/6 (AC,SBu), 3 on 22/6 (AC). L Ellesmere, seen in vicinity of Yarrs, Embankment, Clarkes, Jarvis, Wolfes Rds, and Kaitorete Spit, Aug-May, max counts of 164 at Clarkes Rd on 19/2 (TC,CH,KCH,SP) and 300 in Jan-Feb (AC).

PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis fulva*

[CA] L Ellesmere: Clarkes Rd, 8 on 28/9, 11 on 3/10, 3 on 13/10, 15 on 17/10, 21 on 2/11, 4 on 11/3, 9 on 23/3. Jarvis Rd, 21 on 14/11, 10 on 5/12 13 on 6/12. Embankment Rd, 3 on 15/2, 19 on 7/3 (CH). **[SO]** Awarua Bay Sth, 7 on 7/10 (ILE), 9 on 5/2 (K&JVM).

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

[WC] Haast, c.35 on 5/7 (SBr). **[CI]** Groups of 2 or 3 scattered over farmland on 26/11-31/12, with 52 at Owenga on 26/12 (AJT). **[CA]** Conway RM, flocks of 25 and 59 on shingle beach on 5/3 (AC). **[OT]** Alexandra, c.20 on 6/7 (SBr). **[SO]** Laurie Hbr, Auckland I, 2 on 28/1, a new locality (PMcC).

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

[NE] Motueka Est, 9 on 15/6 (SC). **[MA]** Kaikoura Pen, 55 on 13/1 (TC). **[CI]** Waitangi West, 10 on 21/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** Waipara RM, 3 on 19/11 (TC). L Ellesmere: Jarvis Rd, 7 on 5/12, 13 on 6/12, 21 on 11/1 (KCH,SP). Clarkes Rd, 1 on 21/9. Greenpark Huts, 1 on 7/11. Yarrs Flat, 2 on 20/12. Kaitorete Spit, 4 on 13/4. (CH). Rakaia RM, regularly sighted during Dec and Feb with max 15 birds feeding over stony edges in the tidal section of the lower river (PL), 2 on 8/2. Ashburton RM, 15 on 8/2 (AC). L Wainono, 2 on 3/12 (TC,KCH,MMcF). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 89 on 30/12 (WC). Awarua Bay Sth, 72 on 5/2. Riverton, 26 on 6/2 (K&JVM).

LESSER KNOT *Calidris canutus*

[WC] Okari Lgn, 1 on 6/2 (CSL). **[CA]** Ashley Est, 1 on 26/3 (AC,SBu). Greenpark Huts, L Ellesmere, 1 on 7/11 (CH). Wolfes Rd wetlands, 4 on 14/12 (TC,KCH), 21 on

21/12 (AC,KCH,SP). Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 20 on 20/12. Kaitorete Spit, 2 on 10/4 (CH). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 27+ on 30/12 (WC), 30 on 6/2 (K&JVM).

GREAT KNOT *C. tenuirostris*

[CA] Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 20/12 (CH). Wolfes Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 21/12, 23/12, with 21 Lesser Knot (AC,TC, KCH,SP).

CURLEW SANDPIPER *C. ferruginea*

[CA] L Ellesmere, seen Embankment, Clarkes, Yarrs, Jarvis, Wolfes Rd ends, and Kaitorete Spit, between 4/7-22/6, max 40 on 4/1 (CH,KCH,SP,TC). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 4 on 30/12 (WC), 15 on 6/2 (K&JVM).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER *C. acuminata*

[WC] Canoe Crk Mth, Barrytown Flats, 2 on 28/11 (BJSM). **[CA]** L Ellesmere, seen Embankment, Clarkes, Jarvis, Yarrs Rd ends, Colin Hill's ponds, between 9/7-3/3, max 21 on 14/12 (CH,TC,KCH). Coopers Lgn, 5 on 12/2 (AC). L Wainono, 5 on 3/12 (TC,KCH,MMcF). **[OT]** Fortification Rd ponds, Oamaru, 1 on 16/1, 21/2 (AGH). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 9 on 30/12 (WC), 5 on 5/2 (K&JVM).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER *C. melanotos*

[CA] Wolfes Rd, L Ellesmere, 3 on 10/12-11/12. Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 4/1 and 11/1. Kaituna mudflats, 2 on 17/1 (KCH,SP). Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 10/12 (CH). Base of Kaitorete Spit, 6 on 12/2 (TC). L Wainono, 2 on 3/12 (TC,KCH,MMcF). **[OT]** Fortification Rd ponds, Oamaru, 3-4 birds on 16/1- 21/2 (AGH).

RED-NECKED STINT *C. ruficollis*

[CA] L Ellesmere, max 45 on 3/10-9/4 (KCH,SP), seen Embankment, Clarkes, Jarvis, Wolfes, Yarrs Rd ends, Kaitorete Spit (CH). L Wainono, 7 on 3/12 (TC,KCH,MMcF). **[SO]** Awarua Bay, 35 on 30/12 (WC), 17 on 5/2 (K&JVM).

LITTLE STINT *C. minuta*

[CA] L Ellesmere, several sightings of 1 on 3/1-14/4, accepted by Rare Birds Committee (KCH,SP,AC,CH,TC).

EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis*

[WC] Okari Lgn, 1 on 28/11 (BJSM). **[CA]** Saltwater-Ashley Est, 1 on 28/8, 1 on 2/10, 19/11, 5 on 18/12, 30/12, 1 on 4/3 (TC,KCH,SP), 1 on 26/3. Avon-Heathcote Est, 1 on 23/3 (AC), 3 on 13/4 and through winter (AC,SBu). Cass R delta, 1 on 25/11 (ALR,RM). **[OT]** Aramoana, 1 on 9/3-11/3 (PS). Taieri RM, 1 with Spur-winged Plovers on 18/12, 1 on 12/3 (D&JY). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 3 on 30/12 (WC), 11 on 6/2 (K&JVM). Awarua Bay Sth, 2 on 14/5, 24/6 (WC). Matura Est, 15+ on 6-10/5 (LL,SP), 5 on 30/5 (WC).

ASIATIC WHIMBREL *N. phaeopus variegatus*

[WC] Karamea Est, 1 on 19/11 (BJSM). **[CA]** Coopers Lgn, 1 on 12/2 (AC). Godley R delta, 1 on 10/2 (ALR).

LITTLE WHIMBREL *N. minutus*

[CA] Jarvis Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 11/3 (PC,KCH,SP,TC,CH).

WHIMBREL sp.

[WC] Okari Lgn, 2 on 28/11, 1 on 18/6 (BJSM). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 1 on 30/5 (WC).

EASTERN BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica baueri*

[WC] Okari Lgn, 24 on 18/3, 28 on 6/2 (CSL), 3 on 18/6 (BJSM). **[CA]** Ashley Est., 105 on 18/12 (TC). Avon-Heathcote Est, 1554 on 8/12. Lyttelton Hbr, 433 on 29/12 (AC). L Ellesmere, max 172 on 3/10- 24/4, seen Davidson, Clarkes, Embankment, Yarrs Rd ends, Kaitorete Spit, Colin Hill's ponds (KCH,SP,CH). **[OT]** Catlins L, 208 on 4/2 (K&JVM). **[SO]** Awarua Bay, first arrivals on 24/9 (ILE), 187 on 5/2 (K&JVM), 518+ on 30/5 (WC). Riverton, 81 on 6/2 (K&JVM).

SIBERIAN TATTLER *Tringa brevipes*

[MA] Kaikoura Pen, 1 on 5/3 (AC), 3 on 13/1 (TC). **[CA]** Ashburton RM, 1 on 8/2 (AC). **[OT]** Aramoana, 1 seen and heard on 9/3 (PS), 1 on 13-14/5 (AS,HS) **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 3 on 30/12 (WC).

GREENSHANK *T. nebularia*

[WC] Orowaiti Est, 1 on 24/2 (SBr). **[CA]** Kaitorete Spit, L Ellesmere, 1 on 24/1 (PS). Embankment Rd, L Ellesmere, 1 on 26/3 (PC). **[SO]** Riverton, 1 feeding with Godwits and Turnstones on 6/2, a new locality (K&JVM).

BROWN SKUA *Catharacta skua lonnbergi*

[CI] Pt Gap, 1 on 5/12. Cape Fournier, 1 on 26/12. Owenga, 1 on 26/12/93 (AJT). **[SO]** Doubtful to Breaksea Sd, 1 on 5/11 (IS).

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

[WC] Paroa, 1 on 23/6 (SBr). **[CA]** Coopers Lgn, 1 offshore on 9/4 (AC,SBu). Rakaia RM, 5 on 8/2 (AC). **[OT]** Shag Pt, 1 dark & 2 light phase with White-fronted Terns on 25/2 (ARB).

POMARINE SKUA *S. pomarinus*

[CA] Akaroa Harbour, 4 on 16/3. Timutimu Head, BP, 1 on 10/4 (SBr). Tasman R delta/L Pukaki, 1 healthy ad roosting at lake edge on 27/12 (DF,RM).

ARCTIC/POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius* sp.

[MA] Kaikoura Coast, regular sightings of up to 15, Nov-March. **[WC]** Coast nr Westport, max 11 in Feb-March. Greymouth, max 15-20 in Feb. Jackson Bay, 1-2 on 6/2 (SBr). **[CI]** 2 dark Skuas chasing White-fronted Terns 21/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** Akaroa Hbr, 1 on 15/11, 2 on 10-11/12, 9 on 20/3, 1 on 21/3. Birdlings Flat to Squally Bay, BP, 10-15 on 18/3. Snuffle Nose, BP, 1 on 23/3. Pigeon Bay, BP, 2 offshore on 26/3. Timutimu Head, BP, 2 on 10/4 (SBr). **[OT]** Moeraki, 4 on 26-26/1. Shag Pt, 1 on 29/1 (SBr). Taiaroa Hd, 1 on 25/1 (A&CRW).

SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus d. dominicanus*

[CI] Pt Gap, 21 nests on 5/12/93 (AJT).

RED-BILLED GULL *L. novaehollandiae scopulinus*

[MA] Rangitoto I, NE of D'Urville I, c.2000 feeding on krill in Oct (DB). **[OT]** Papanui Inlet, 800+ on 8/2 (A&CRW).

BLACK-BILLED GULL *L. bulleri*

[MA] Karamea, 100 + on 17/6 (CSL).

WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus*

[CA] Embankment Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 21/7. Yarrs Flat, 1 on 25/7 (CH). Coopers Lgn, 10, probably 11 in non-breeding plumage on 21/1 (TC), 7 on 24/1 (KCH,SP), 14 on 12/2, 18/2 (AC,DH), 1/4 (AC), 13 on 9/4 (AC,SBU), 3 on 28/5, 2 of the 3 assuming breeding plumage (KCH,SP,TC), 3 on 24/6 (AC). Rakaia RM, 3 feeding over shingle riffles on 28/11 (PL), 3 on 8/2 (AC). L Wainono, 1 on 3/12 (KCH,SP,TC,MMcF). Lower Cass R/Sandpiper Lgn, 1 imm on 25/11. Upper Ahuriri R between Ben Avon Ponds and Birchwood 1 ad in breeding plumage, flying upstream with Black-fronted Tern on 5/12 (ALR,RM). **[SO]** Invercargill Est, 1 on 3/12 (RS).

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

[SO] Invercargill Est, 1 on 30/10 (RS), 1 on 5/11 (ILE).

BLACK-FRONTED TERN *Sterna albobriata*

[MA] Kaikoura Sth, 4-5 on 7/6 (SBr). **[CA]** Conway RM, 72 on 5/3. Waipara RM, 21 on 14/5. Ashley Est, 141 on 14/5 (AC). Saltwater Crk, 20 on 28/8. Avon-Heathcote Est, 42 on 21/3 (KCH,SP). Few roost amongst White-fronted Terns nr Corsair Bay, Lyttelton Hbr in autumn and winter, 12 on 1/4/94, 3 imm, 1 ad on 4/6/94, 1 on 19/2, none on 6/5, 5 on 23/7/95 (KJW). Birdlings Flat, 12 imm on 21/3 (KCH,SP). Nr tip of Kaitorete Spit, 29 on 1/7. Yarrs Flat, L Ellesmere, 2 on 22/1 and 1/2, 2 on 15/2, 7 on 10/4, 13 on 20/4 (CH). Rakaia RM, 122+ on 8/2 (AC). Sth Rakaia Huts, colony of c.20 adults and 5+ nests containing eggs on shingle beach 27/11-5/12, colony abandoned by 10/12, flocks of up to 300 birds seen roosting in Feb-early March (PL). **[SO]** Awarua Bay E, 6 on mudflat on 6/2 (K&JVM). The Neck, Stewart I, 2 offshore on 13/5. Halfmoon Bay, 1 on 13/5 (AJT).

CASPIAN TERN *S. caspia*

[WC] Karamea, 1 on 19/11. Orowaiti Est, 1 on 18/6, 18/11, 5 on 6/2. Buller RM, 1 on 6/2. Okari Lgn, 3 on 18/11, 5 on 6/2, 1 on 18/6. Taramakau RM, 3 on 17/11, 3/6 (CSL). Ship Crk, 6 on 5/2 (SBr). **[CA]** Waiau River township bridge, 2 on 30/9 (JAC). Occasional visitor to Church Bay and vicinity, Lyttelton Hbr, seen on 4/6/94, 16-17/4 (KJW). Kaitorete Spit tip, 86 on 17/7 (CH), 53 on 24/7 (DH), 26 on 17/9, 84 on 12/10, 12 on 22/10, 9 on 13/4. Kaituna Lgn, 2 on 17/9. Clarkes Rd, L Ellesmere, 3 on 3/10. Greenpark Huts, 14 on 7/11. Yarrs Rd, 28 on 21/11, 23 on 22/1, 5 on 31/1, 7 on 6/2, 8 on 10/4. Embankment Rd, 1 on 15/2 (CH). Coes Ford, Selwyn R, 2 flying over on 29/4. Rakaia RM, no birds sighted over 25 days observation late Nov - March. Ashburton RM, 10 on 8/2, 2 colour banded. L Wainono, 5 on 26/6 (AC). Hakataramea RM, Waitaki R, 1 on 27/4 (PL). **[OT]** Kakanui Est, 2 on 14/2, 26/2, 9/3, 1 on 8/4, 30/4 (AGH). Papanui Inlet, 10 on 25/3, 8 on 8/2. Hooper's Inlet, 3 on 8/2, 2 on 3/5, 14 on 10/4, 14 on 11/6. Catlins Lake, 5 on 6/2 (A&CRW).

WHITE-FRONTED TERN *S. striata*

[CA] Ashley R, 7.5 km from coast, c.45 breeding with Black-billed Gulls on 11/12, 11 nests, 1 hatching (TC). Ashley Est, 1358 on 14/5 (AC). Le Bons Bay, c.140 on 25/3 (ANDF,ABF). Many roosting on beach at Birdlings Flat on 21/3 (KCH,SP). Timaru Port, 1000s roosting on Wharf shed roof on 12/5 (PL). **[OT]** Pudding I, pr reported nesting in Jan (NP).

ARCTIC TERN *S. paradisaea*

[CA] 'First winter' bird, above Cass R delta and L Tekapo on 5/11 (ALR,RM) (submitted to Rare Birds Committee). **[OT]** Taiaroa Hd, 1 harrassing White-fronted Tern on 28/3 (HGS).

NEW ZEALAND PIGEON *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Paparoa NP, sighted frequently throughout the year either singly or in small flocks of up to 5 birds (BJSM). **[CA]** Hagley Park, Christchurch, 2 on 9/1 (SP), 1 flew from Hagley Park to Deans Bush on 3/3 and 22/3 (AC). Sign of the Kiwi, Christchurch, 1 flying over on 7/5 (PL). Several in the Montgomery Reserve, BP on 12/3. Okuti Reserve, BP, 2 on 17/7 (KCH,SP). Dennistoun Forest, Peel Forest, c. 40 birds sighted of which some were feeding on kahikatea berries on 30/4 (PL). **[OT]** Dunedin Botanic Gardens, 1 eating *Magnolia loebneri* on 11/9 (ARB). Birch I, present on 17/7. Tautuku Reserve, 18 on 17/5 (AJT).

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO *Cacatua galerita*

[CA] Prices Valley, BP, 14 on 1/7, 17 on 14/4 (KCH,SP,AC,SBu). Cooptown, BP, c.16 on 13/3 (SBr), 19 on 21/6 (KCH,SP). Little River, 7 on 29/7 (CFJO'D).

SOUTH ISLAND KAKA *Nestor m. meridionalis*

[NE] Mt Owen area, a few on 4-6/1 (AJT). L Rotoiti loop track, 1 on 31/10 (MM). **[MA]** Inner Chetwode I, 1 feeding on ground, 3 heard in Aug (DB). **[WC]** Fox R, 1

on 29/10, 9/1. Ross subdivision, Punakaiki, 1 resident during Nov. Jackson-Arawata R confluence, 4 on 29/1. Mid Cascade R, regular sightings on 1-3/1. Western Red Hills, groups of 3-5 on 1-3/2. L Alabaster to Hollyford road end, seen and heard on 11/2 (BJSM). **[OT]** Upper Caples V hut, occasional single birds heard 12/94-2/95, 3 on 10/1. Dart V, Surveyor's Flat to Daleys Flat, occasional single birds 12/94- 1/95 (IS). Taieri B, 1 feeding in *Arbutus* tree for several days in Oct (M&GM). **[SO]** Kaipo V, NW Fiordland, 4 on 18/8. Kaipo Slip to Professor Crk, 9 on 19/8. Professor Crk, 7 on 20/8 (KM).

KEA *N. notabilis*

[NE] Mt Owen area, a few on 4-6/1 (AJT). **[SO]** Kaipo V, NW Fiordland, 2 on 18/8 (KM).

EASTERN ROSELLA *Platycercus eximius*

[OT] Dunedin City, several records: Helensburgh, 2 on 9/3, 1 on 16/5 (KM); Wakari Rd, recorded every month of year, max 24 in Feb (JAW); University, frequent visitors, pr on 23/6, 30/6 (LF); Botanic Gardens, 1 feeding on puriri nectar by plucking flowers and biting them open on 11/9 (ARB).

RED-CROWNED PARAKEET *Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*

[SO] Ulva I, occasional on 13/5 (AJT).

CHATHAM ISLAND RED-CROWNED PARAKEET *C. n. chathamensis*

[CI] South west forest block, regular in small numbers on 26/11-19/12/93 with max 4 at Waipurua Stm on 8/12 (AJT).

YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET *C. auriceps*

[MA] Mt Stokes, more common than usual throughout year (DB). **[WC]** L Alabaster to Hollyford road end, 1 on 11/2 (BJSM). **[SO]** Deadwood Stm, 1 on 25/10. Quintin Hut, Milford Track, 1 on 14/3 (IS). Ulva I, occasional on 13/5 (AJT).

PARAKEET *Cyanoramphus* sp.

[WC] Bullock Crk, Paparoa NP, 3 on 3/11, 2 on 17/1. Cave Crk, Paparoa NP, 3 on 18/1. Jackson R, 2 heard on 29/1. L Alabaster to Hollyford road end, 3 on 11/2 (BJSM). **[SO]** Tableland nr Kaipo V, 1 in silver beech on 19/8 (KM).

SHINING CUCKOO *Chysococcyx lucidus*

[WC] Punakaiki area, seen and heard frequently, first calling in spring on 27/9 (BJSM). Greymouth, heard from 2/12-17/1 (CSL). Jackson R, 1 on 29/1. Red Hills, 1 on 4/2 (BJSM). **[CI]** 2 heard on main island in Nov (AJT). **[CA]** Church Bay, Lyttelton Hbr, first of season heard on 5/10 (KJW). **[OT]** Dunedin City, 1 on 15/12-16/12 (KM). Broad Bay, heard on 1/10 (CW). Ross Crk Reservoir, 1 fed by Grey Warblers 15 times in 10 min on 7/2 (D&JY).

LONG-TAILED CUCKOO *Eudynamys taitensis*

[WC] Greymouth, 2 flying nth on 28/10 (CSL). Jackson R, 1 on 29/1. Simonin Pass, Red Hills, 2 on 6/2. Mid Pyke R, 2 on 8/2 (BJSM). **[CA]** Hoon Hay V, Christchurch, 1 reliably reported by local resident on 22/1 (AC). **[SO]** Ulva I, 1 forced into sea by Tuis (ILE). Supper Cove, Dusky Sd, 1 on 21/10 (IS).

MOREPORK *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Punakaiki, Barrytown & Greymouth, heard frequently (CSL, BJSM). **[CA]** None seen or heard, Church Bay, Lyttelton Hbr (KJW). **[OT]** Upper Caples Hut, single birds heard occasionally in Dec and Feb. Not recorded in Lower Dart V, in Nov & Jan. Paradise V, 2 on 25/11 (IS). Wakari Rd area, Dunedin City, heard in Apr, May & Jun (JAW).

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

[CA] The Groynes, Christchurch, 1 flying at 1400 hrs on 22/2 (AC). Resident in Church Bay, Lyttelton Hbr, heard most months (KJW)., Crosbie Park, Christchurch, 1 calling 1500 hrs on 19/6 (PGr). Takamatua Valley, BP, 2 chicks in nest in Nov, (SBr). Yarrs Rd, L Ellesmere, 2 on 4/11 (CH). Ashton area, Ashburton, 2 on 29/12 (CSL). Road kills, Twizel area on 15/1, 30/4 (ALR, DF). **[OT]** Omakau, Nth Otago, juv on 9/2 (K&JVM). Dunedin City, records throughout the year (JAW, D&JY). Tuapeka W, 1 in *Pinus radiata*, on 1/5 (K&JVM).

FORK-TAILED SWIFT *Apus pacificus*

[MA] Stephen's I, 1 in Nov (DB).

NEW ZEALAND KINGFISHER *Halcyon sancta vagans*

[CA] Takamatua, BP, 1 eating whole bird on 23/7 (SBr). Omarama, 1 on 25/9/93 500 m below SHW bridge, rarely seen in Mackenzie Basin' (ALR). **[OT]** L Sylvan turnoff, 1 on 17/1 (IS). Waianakarua, 1 on 5/1, 18/4. Portobello Rd, 2 on 27/4. Dunedin City, 1 on 6/7, 20/9. Allan's B Rd, 2 on 28/4. Hooper's Inlet, 2 on 3/5, 26/5, 4 on 11/6. Papanui Inlet, 2 on 26/5. Okia Reserve, 1 on 28/5. Tairaroa Hd, 1 on 27/1, 24/5. Catlins L, 1 on 6/2. Papatowai area, 1 total albino reported (PS, A&CRW, K&JVM). **[SO]** Supper Cove, Doubtful Sd, 1 on 14/10. Light RM, 1 on 8/3 (IS).

EASTERN BROAD-BILLED ROLLER *Eurystomus orientalis*

[WC] Hokitika, 1 on 15/4 (CSL).

SOUTH ISLAND RIFLEMAN *Acanthisitta chloris chloris*

[NE] Mt Owen area, abundant in beech forest on 4-6/1 (AJT). **[CA]** Cotters Tree Farm, Pigeon Bay, BP, 4 on 12/3 (KCH, SP). Upper Fraser Stream, Twizel, 2+ in matagouri scrub, on 13/2 (ALR). **[OT]** Arrowtown, pr in willows on 8/2, first sighting in 40 yrs. Larnach's Castle, 3 in sycamores on 5/3. Upper Camp Rd, Otago Pen, 2 in macrocarpas on 30/3 (K&JVM).

ROCK WREN *Xenicus gilviventris*

[CA] Erewhon Ski Field, 1 on 2/4 (GB). **[OT]** Bedford Crk, Dart V, 1 on 1/1 (IS). **[SO]** Staircase Saddle, 5 on 4/3 (IS).

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

[CA] Lake Heron, Lake Stream V, reasonably common along some parts of shingle road on 11/3 (PGr).

WELCOME SWALLOW *Hirundo tahitica neoxena*

[NE] Granity Pass Hut, Mt Owen, 2 on 5/1. Courthouse Flat, a few on 6/1 (AJT). **[CI]** Port Hutt, 4 on 21/12/93. Motuhau Pt, 1 nest with eggs in nearby caves on 23/12. Te Whanga Lgn, 7 on 25/12. Nairn R, 1 on 27/12. L Kairae, 2 on 29/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** L Heron, numerous around Home Bay area, 18 on power line on 8/3 (PGr). Ohau B power station, 25+ on 26/8, over-winter in this area, 30+ in a few groups, 1 km below SHW bridge, Twizel on 9/2 (ALR). **[OT]** All Day Bay, 42 on 6/6. Waianakarua, 50+ on 6/6. Fortification Rd ponds, 217 on 3/6. Moeraki Boulders, 2 on 2/6. Henley gravel pits, 9 feeding over water (K&JVM,A&CRW).

NEW ZEALAND PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Okari B Rd, c.20 on 6/2. Mikonui, 6 on 25/2 (CSL). **[CA]** L Heron, Lake Stream V, reasonably common in some parts along shingle road 11/3 (PGr). **[SO]** Seaforth RM, 5 on 14/10 (IS).

SOUTH ISLAND FERNBIRD *Bowdleria p. punctata*

[WC] Rimu, Sth of Hokitika, 2 on 19/4. Wanganui R, 2 on 24/5 (CSL). **[OT]** Silverpeaks, 2 on 25/3 (AB&VB). Flagstaff, 1 on 30/1 (LJG). **[SO]** Boyd Crk, Eglinton V, 1 on 4/4 (CFJO'D). Yates Pt Sth, NW Fiordland, 1 in *Phormium tenax* on 22/8 (KM). Lookout Pt, Bluff, 1 on 20/6 (WC). Taringatura Forest, numerous in scrubby clearings on 25/5 (ILE).

STEWART ISLAND FERNBIRD *B. punctata stewartiana*

[SO] Freshwater Hut to Mason Bay, calls common, 2 seen on 14/5 (AJT).

YELLOWHEAD *Moboua ochrocephala*

[SO] Mid Seaforth V, moderately common on 16-28/10 (IS). Waikaia Forest, 2 west of upper swing bridge on 6/12 (WC). L Orbell, 2 below lake on 10/5 (AJT).

BROWN CREEPER *M. novaeseelandiae*

[CA] Okuti Reserve, BP, 6 on 17/7. Montgomery Reserve, BP & Cotter's Tree Farm, Pigeon Bay, several on 12/3 (KCH,SP). **[OT]** Warrington, first report for this area with several sightings in Aug (CAL).

GREY WARBLER *Gerygone igata*

[CA] Crosbie Park, Avonhead, Christchurch, 1 on 20/6 (PGr). L Heron, Lake Stm V, flock of 5 on 11/3 (PGr).

CHATHAM ISLAND WARBLER *G. albofrontata*

[CI] Tuku Nature Reserve, regular in small numbers on 26/11-19/12, but not seen in more northern forest remnants on 21/12-31/12 (AJT).

SOUTH ISLAND FANTAIL *Rhipidura f. fuliginosa*

[CA] Twizel township, black morph, first one seen in 4 years living in Twizel, on 11/5 (ALR). **[OT]** Birch I, present on 17/7 (AJT).

CHATHAM ISLAND FANTAIL *R. fuliginosa penita*

[CI] Regularly seen at Tuku Nature Reserve, Nikau Reserve, Haupupu Reserve, by L Kairae, on 26/11-31/12/93 (AJT).

SOUTH ISLAND TOMTIT *Petroica m. macrocephala*

[WC] L Brunner, 2 pr on 13/4. L Ianthe, 2+ on 18/4. Mahinapua, 3 on 19/4 (CSL). **[CA]** Okuku, Nth Canterbury, several on 18/9. Cotters Tree Farm, Pigeon Bay, BP, 1 on 12/3 (KCH,SP). **[OT]** Motutapu R, Arrowtown, 4 in willows on 8/2. Larnach Castle, ad male in macrocarpas on 24/7 (K&JVM). Birch I, present on 17/7 (AJT).

SOUTH ISLAND ROBIN *P. a. australis*

[NE] Mt Owen area, a few on 4-7/1 (AJT). **[WC]** Murray's Crk walkway, Reefton, 2 on 7/6 (CSL). **[SO]** Mid Seaforth V, moderate numbers on swampy flats 17-25/10 (IS).

STEWART ISLAND ROBIN *P. australis rakiura*

[SO] Freshwater hut to Mason Bay, 1 seen and 2 heard on 14-16/5 (AJT).

SILVEREYE *Zosterops lateralis*

[SO] Light R, 1 yellowish bird with flock on 10/3 (IS).

BELLBIRD *Anthornis melanura*

[CA] Cotters Tree Farm, Pigeon Bay, BP, several on 12/3. Victoria Park, Cashmere, several on 8/6 (KCH,SP).

TUI *Prosthemadera n. novaeseelandiae*

[WC] Greymouth, c.30 in kowhai, on 27/9 (CSL). **[OT]** Dart R, occasional single birds on Mill Flat and Daleys Flat 11/94-12/95 (IS). Wakari Rd, Dunedin City, 6 feeding on flowering gum on 11/6 (JAW). Frances St, Otago Pen, 2 on 6/9, 1 on 7/9 feeding on *Pittosporum* (TS). **[SO]** Light RM, 1+ 2 fledged juvs feeding on tutu fruit on 9/3 (IS).

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

[WC] Okari Lgn, 1 on 18/11 (CSL). **[SO]** Staircase Crk Flats, 1 on 4/3 (IS).

CIRL BUNTING *E. cirrus*

[NE] Polestead Rd, 15 on 17/6. Monaco, nr Stoke, 6 nr water's edge on 17/6, feeding with Yellowhammers. Patures nr Abel Tasman NP, present on 17/6 (SC). **[CA]** Church Bay, Lyttelton Hbr, resident and probably breeding, regular sightings Dec 1994 to April 1995 (KJW). Okuti Reserve, BP, 1 on 17/7. Halswell Quarry walkway, 1 pr on 28/1 (KCH,SP). **[OT]** Weston, Nth Otago, 3 on 4/8, male singing on 28/1, 2/2 (AGH). Oamaru Racecourse, pr on 30/5 (HGS).

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

[WC] Common, occasionally in flocks of 80-100 (CSL).

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

[CI] Waitangi, 1 on 21/12/93. Wharekauri, 3-4 on 29/12/93 (AJT).

GOLDFINCH *C. carduelis*

[CI] The Horns, 3+ on 8/12/93. Nikau Reserve, 2 on 28/12/93. Small numbers along most roadsides, particularly in the north on 21-31/12/93 (AJT). **[CA]** Crosbie Park, Christchurch, flock of c.200 on 20/6 (PGr).

REDPOLL *C. flammea*

[WC] Regularly sighted in small flocks (BJSM). **[CA]** Okuti Valley, BP, large flock on 17/7 (KCH/SP). **[OT]** Pukerangi, Central Otago, flock of 2000+ feeding in stubble on 6/5 (K&JVM).

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

[CI] Common only at Waitangi and Te One. A few at Kaiangaroa and along North Rd on 26/11-31/12/93. Kaiangaroa, 1 ate cicada on 30/12 (AJT).

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

[WC] Greymouth, 2 feeding on cabbage tree seeds on 31/5 (CSL).

AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE *Gymnorhina tibicen*

[WC] Arahura, 1 on 23/8, 2 on 17/12. Barrytown Flats, 2 on 3/9 (BJSM).

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

[OT] Hyde, 60 on 5/1 (MRRF). Lee Stm, Central Otago, only 2 sightings of 1-2 birds this year (K&JVM). Middlemarch, 7 on 1/12 (A&CRW). Mareburn, central Otago, 20 on 5/11 (MRRF). **[SO]** Clinton, 5 on 12/10 (CFJO'D). Fortrose, 1 on 5/5 (LL).