

## CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES, NORTH ISLAND 1 JULY 1997 to 30 JUNE 1998

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MKT, M.K. Twyman; BT, B. Tyler; JT, J. Tyler; WvG, W. van Gorkom; MV, M., Vujcich; EW, E. Ward; BW, B. Watt; RMW, R.M. Weston; MW, M. Wignal; AVW, A.V. Williams; DW, D. Wills; TW, T. Wilson; JW, J. Winters; AW, A. Woodger; KW, K. Woodley; DAW, D.A. Wright, BY, B. Yorke.

**Abbreviations:** ad/s, adult/s; c., about; B, beach; cen, census; ch/s, chick/s; Ck, Creek; DOC, Department of Conservation; E, Estuary; F, Forest; FOT, Firth of Thames; H, Harbour; hr/s, hour/s; I/s, Island/s; imm/s, immature/s; incl, including; juv/s, juvenile/s; km, kilometres; L, Lake; lag, lagoon; m, metre; max, maximum; min, minimum; mins, minutes; MNTC, Miranda Naturalists Trust centre; nm, nautical miles; nth, north; Pen, Peninsula; pr/s, pair/s; Pt, Point; R, River; Res, Reserve; RM, river mouth; RP, Regional Park; SF, State Forest; SP, Sewage Ponds; SR, Scenic Reserve; St, Strait; sth, south; Stm, Stream; V, Valley.

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## NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI

### *Apteryx australis mantelli*

[BP] Waimana; male with leg broken on 20/11, foot amputated, released with transmitter attached, checked several times, thriving. Matahi; female missing toe captured on 25/1, ate well, released on 30/1 (WHS). [G/W] Sandy Bay, L Waikareiti; 2 males, 1 female calling at 2200-0100 & 0500-0600 hrs on 16-17/5 (GAF,DSF). [T] Waitaanga SF; 1 on 16/5 (BAH). [M] Near Taihape; 1 in burrow in red tussock, in mid Sep (per R.A.L.Battley).

## AUSTRALASIAN CRESTED GREBE

### *Podiceps cristatus australis*

[A] L Kereta, Kaipara H; 1 on 5/10 (M&SG).]

## NEW ZEALAND DABCHICK

### *Poliocephalus rufopectus*

[N] Ruatangata; 2 on farm pond on 19/7 (CLB,MS). [A] L Otatoa, Kaipara H; 1 pr, 1 ch on 25/4 (ESK,LMA,MJ). [SA] Mangere SP; 1 on 8/2 (HRC). Wattle Downs ponds; 2 on 29/9 (EW) and 9/5 (AMH). [WK] L Waahi; 3 on 5/4 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matata Lag; max 6 on 27/7 (PCML). L Tamurenu, Onepu; max 7 on 25/1 (JAB). [VP] L Okataina; present on 5-6/2 (BHS). Tokaanu wharf; 45 on 3/6 (AS&JMR). [G/W] Patangata Lag, Whakaki; max 11 on 12/4 (GAF,DSF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 17/3, 6/6, 21/6 (PJF). Julian's L, Opunake; 3 on 7/2 (OSNZ). Hawera SP; 12 on 7/2 (OSNZ), 32 on 14/4 (MJD). Waverley; 6 on lake 3km sth of town on 25/4 (AT). [Wg] Westmere L; 1 ad, 1 juv on 21/1 (OCT). [M] Fairly common on suitable lakes. Marton SP; 14 on 3/7, 58 on 15/5, 73 on 30/5. Pukepuke Lag; bred (IS). L Omanu, near Otaki; max 21 on 16/3, bred (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 6 on 31/3 (KVT), 27 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). Ngaroto farm, Upper Dartmoor; 6 on 29/3 (KVT). East Clive; 6 on 16/6 (BMT). [Wr] Henley L, Masterton; 1 on 1/11 (AH). [W] Waikanae Marina; 3 on 3/5. Kotuku Park, Waikanae E; 1 on new pond on 28/2 (AT).

## AUSTRALASIAN LITTLE GREBE

### *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

[N] L Ora, Kamo; 1 on 18/10 (W.Fifield per GRP). Kioreroa SP, Whangarei; 1 on 18/6, 13/9 & 12/10 in 1996, not since (AJB). [WK] Waikaretu dune lake; 1-2 on 14/12 (ASR *et al.*).

## WANDERING ALBATROSS

### *Diomedea exulans*

[BP] Nth of Motiti I; 1 stage E (Heather & Robertson) following boat on 26/9 (JH). Hukuhwai B; 1 imm exhausted with injured leg on 11/3, ate many pilchards but failed to recover, put down on 2/4 (WHS). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 1 on 3/1 (GAF). [M] Foxton B; 4 offshore on 15/3 (JL&MM). Whirookino, nth of Levin; imm found alive in paddock in mid-Jan (per DOC). [W] Cook St; 2 stage D-E (Heather & Robertson), 1 stage E, 1 stage F-G on 9/8 (AT).

## NORTHERN ROYAL ALBATROSS

### *Diomedea epomophora sanfordi*

[W] Cook St; 4 on 9/8 (AT).

**BLACK-BROWED MOLLYMAWK***Diomedea melanophrrys*

[BP] Near Motiti I; 1 ad race *melanophrrys* on 12/6, 15/7, 17/7, 8/8, 2 imms on 12/6. Off Astrolabe Reef; 1 imm feeding on offal on 26/9, 31/10, 14/11. Off Mayor I; 1 imm feeding on offal on 2/1, 1 ad on 24/4. Off Brewis Shoals; 1 ad on 30/6 (JH). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 1 on 3/1 (GAF). [W] Cook St; c.90 incl 23 ads & 5 imms on 9/8, 1 on 11/1, 1 imm on 10/4, c.7 ads & 1 imm on 29/5 (AT).

**NEW ZEALAND WHITE-CAPPED MOLLYMAWK***Diomedea cauta steadi*

[A] Muriwai; 1 dead ad female oiled on 17/7 (WMT). [BP] Off Mayor I; 1 imm *?steadi* on 10/10 (JH). [T] New Plymouth; 1 offshore on 7/7 (BAH,PJF). Sugar Loaf Is; 1 injured and put down on 8/10 (DOC). [M] Foxton B, offshore; 2+ on 1/8 (IS), 1 on 30/8 (JL&MM), 5 probables following trawler on 18/10 (IS). [W] Cook St; c.24 incl 1 imm on 9/8, 7 incl 3 in primary moult on 31/12, 4 on 10/4, 30 many moulting wing feathers on 29/5 (AT).

**SALVIN'S MOLLYMAWK***Diomedea cauta salvini*

[W] Cook St; c.28 on 9/8 (AT).

**YELLOW-NOSED MOLLYMAWK***Diomedea chlororhynchos*

[BP] Nth of Motiti I; 1 imm feeding on offal on 15/7 (JH).

**BULLER'S MOLLYMAWK***Diomedea bulleri*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 1 on 3/1 (GAF). [W] Cook St; 2 on 11/1, 1 on 25/1, 3 on 29/5 (AT).

**FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER***Puffinus carneipes*

[F] Rangaunu H entrance; 5000+ feeding on 23/11 (WP,PRS). [WK] Woody Head, Raglan; some flying offshore on 15/9 (ASR,JMR,PC). [BP] Southeast of White I; c.100 on 13/12 (PCML). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 25+ at one time for most of day on 3/1 (GAF). [T] Sugar Loaf Is; 38 rafted offshore at dusk on 26/9, 10 offshore on 24/3 (BAH). [W] Cook St; 2-4 on 25/1 (AT).

**BULLER'S SHEARWATER***Puffinus bulleri*

[BP] Off White I; c.100 on 13/12 (PCML). [G/W] Tolaga Bay; numerous 14 nm offshore on 3/1, c.20 14 nm offshore on 14/2, c.100 10 nm offshore on 15/3 (GAF). [T] New Plymouth; 8 offshore on 24/3 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; 4 offshore on 10/4 (JL&MM). [W] Cook St; 1-2 on 31/12, 1 on 23/1, 35 on 10/4 (AT).

**SOOTY SHEARWATER***Puffinus griseus*

[BP] Off Motiti I; 1 feeding on offal on 28/10 (JH). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; c.10 on 3/1 (GAF). [M] Tangimoana, offshore; 1 on 10/11, 70+ in 30 mins on 14/5 (IS). Foxton B, offshore; 1 on 9/11, 100+ in 1 hr on 14/5. [W] Cook St; 7 on 15/11, 9 on 11/1, 4 on 23/1, 2 on 25/1, 5 on 10/4 (AT).

**SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER***Puffinus tenuirostris*

[BP] Off Mayor I; 1 feeding on offal on 26/1 (JH). Off White I; c.30 at Volkner Rocks & c.20 sth of Club Rocks on 13/12 (PCML).

**FLUTTERING SHEARWATER***Puffinus gavia*

[F] Rangaunu H entrance; 10000+ feeding on 23/11 (WP,PRS). Karikari Bay; c.5000 on 23/1 (GRP). Doubtless Bay; 20000-25000+ on 16/4, only flocks of 100-200 on 18/4 (AJG,D.Panckhurst). Coopers B; huge flocks on 14/4 (D.Panckhurst). [WK] Woody Head, Raglan; 1000s offshore on 15/9 (ASR,JMR,PC). [BP] Papamoa, offshore; 100s on 15-23/11, 1000s on 6/4 (PCML). Kaituna Cut; c.400 offshore on 24/7 (EW). [G/W] Tolaga Bay; c.20 offshore on 14/2, c.50 10 nm offshore on 15/3 (GAF). [T] New Plymouth; 15 offshore on 7/7 (BAH,PJF), 226 in 30 mins on 16/9, 23 on 26/9, 200+ on 21/1, 20 on 24/3 (BAH). [M] Present throughout year. Foxton B; many flying nth c.1500 hrs on 1/2 (JL&MM). [HB] Black Reef; c.300 nearby on 22/12 (BS). [Wr] Cape Palliser; 700+ on 4/6 (DS).

**HUTTON'S SHEARWATER***Puffinus huttoni*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay; c.350 feeding in scattered groups.

5 nm offshore on 3/1, c.20 offshore on 14/2 (GAF). [W] Cook St; 6 on 10/4 (AT).

### LITTLE SHEARWATER

*Puffinus assimilis*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 4 on 3/1, 2 on 15/3 (GAF).

### COMMON DIVING PETREL

*Pelecanoides urinatrix*

[T] New Plymouth; 20 offshore on 7/7 (BAH,PJF), 24 offshore on 26/9 (BAH). [W] Cook St; c.115 on 10/4 (AT).

### GREY PETREL

*Procellaria cinerea*

[W] Cook St; 1 on 9/8, 1 probable on 15/11 (AT).

### BLACK PETREL

*Procellaria parkinsoni*

[BP] Off Mayor I; 1 feeding on offal on 6/2 & 24/4. Off Motiti I; 2 feeding on offal on 17/4 (JH). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 2 on 3/1, 1 on 14/2 (GAF).

### WESTLAND PETREL

*Procellaria westlandica*

[W] Cook St; 5 probables on 15/11, 2-3 on 31/12, 4 probables on 29/5 (AT).

### CAPE PIGEON

*Daption capense*

[BP] Off Motiti I; 3 race *australe* feeding on offal on 8/8, 2 near Schooner Rocks on 10/8, 1 at Brewis Shoals on 19/9, 2 at Astrolabe Reef on 26/9 (JH). [M] Foxton B; 1 offshore on 1/8 (IS). [HB] Off coast; present on 1/8 (JW). [W] Cook St; c.285 on 9/8, 6 on 29/5 (AT).

### NORTHERN GIANT PETREL

*Macronectes halli*

[BP] Off Motiti I; 1 on 4/7 & 1 at Brewis Shoals on 19/9, both with pink bill tips & feeding on offal (JH).

### GIANT PETREL

*Macronectes sp.*

[WK] Woody Head, Raglan; 1 offshore on 15/9 (ASR,JMR,PC). [BP] Off Motiti I; 1 on 4/7, 10/8, 16/9, 12/6 (JH). [T] Port Taranaki; 1 ashore on 16/9 (BAH,DOC). Pungarehu; 1 offshore on 28/6 (BAH). [M] Tangimoana, offshore; 1 on 15/8, 14/5 (IS). Foxton B, offshore; 1 on 16/8, 2 on 30/8, 1 on 12/10, 14/11, 24/5 (JL&MM). [W] Cook St; c.11 all dark plumaged on 9/8 (AT).

### FAIRY PRION

*Pachyptila turtur*

[M] Palmerston Nth; 1 exhausted on 24/1 (P&RS). [Wr] Clifton Grove Station, Hinakura; 1 storm-wrecked on 20/11 (HB).

### PRION

*Pachyptila sp.*

[BP] Off Mayor I; several on 17/7. Tauranga H entrance; 1 on 6/5. Near Motiti I; several on 15/7 & 9/11, 3 on 14/11, several feeding with fluttering shearwaters near Schooner Rocks on 28/6, 1 feeding on offal near Brewis Shoals on 30/6 (JH). [W] Waikanae B; 5 flying just offshore on 9/11 (AT).

### BLUE PETREL

*Halobaena caerulea*

[BP] Ohope; 1 90g alive on 12/9 (WBR). [T] New Plymouth; 1 alive in city on 27/8 (DOC,BAH,DGM).

### COOK'S PETREL

*Pterodroma cookii*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; regular with up to 4 at a time on 3/1, 3 on 14/2 (GAF).

### BLACK-WINGED PETREL

*Pterodroma nigripennis*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 1 on 14/2 (GAF).

### GREY-FACED PETREL

*Pterodroma macroptera*

[BP] Off Motiti I; several on 15/7, 10/8 & 29/8 (PCML). Edgecumbe-Ohope; 55 found ashore live on 7/12-9/2 (WBR). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; c.20 on 3/1 (GAF). [M] Foxton B; 1 probable offshore on 28/11 (IS). [W] Cook St; 1 on 9/8, c.5 on 15/11 (AT).

### WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL

*Pelagodroma marina*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; singles & small flocks on 3/1 (GAF). [T] Motumahunga I; 1 at night on 21/9 (AT,GAT, B.Williams).

### YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN

*Megadyptes antipodes*

[M] Scott's Ferry, Tangimoana; 1 dead imm on 20/4, probably came ashore live (DOC).]

### BLUE PENGUIN

*Eudyptula minor*

[A] Nagle Cove, Great Barrier I; 1 nest on 24/11 (ESK). [BP] Opotiki; 1 attacked by dog on 9/1 (WBR). [T] Tongaporutu E; 1 on 14/12 (PJF,DGM,BAH). New Plymouth; 1 offshore on 24/3 (BAH). [W] Pukerua Bay; 1 road-killed on 25/10 (AT).

### AUSTRALASIAN GANNET

*Morus serrator*

[A] Mokohinau I; c.200 active nests on 25/11 (ESK). [SA] Pahurehure Inlet; 6 diving at high tide on 19/8 (EW). Manukau H; 21 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] White I; c.1000 on & about island on 13/12 (PCML). [G/W] Tolaga Bay, 5 nm offshore; up to 200 working tuna school on 3/1 (GAF). [M] Foxton B; 1 imm offshore on 29-30/4, unusual (IS).

### BLACK SHAG

*Phalacrocorax carbo*

[SA] Manukau H; 20 on 15/11. FoT; 72 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Waikaretu nth rock stack; 24, 1 nest with young chs, 6 empty nests on 14/12 (ASR *et al.*). L Waahi; 23 on 5/4 (OSNZ cen). Hamilton L; 9 ad, 1 juv on 14/12 (BAF *et al.*). Oparau R, Kawhia H; 10 nests in pines &

gums on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matata Lag; 14 at roost on 28/2 (AJB). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 266 on 12/4 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 50 on 6/6. Porangahau E; 36 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae E; 28 on 9/11 (AT).

### PIED SHAG

*Phalacrocorax varius*

[A] Tapora, Kaipara H; 82 & 18 active nests on 28/6 (AMD,SLG). Sth Kaipara H; 54 on 16/11, 37 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Tawharanui Pen; 76 ads, 7 chs, 18 active nests on 27/11 (SPC). Chelsea Sugar Refinery ponds; 13 in colony on 16/5 (KRB). Mangere Airport; 50 on 31/12 (HRC). [SA] Manukau H; 354 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). Sand I, Port Waikato; 66 on 7/12 (PA). FoT; 845 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Raglan H; 41 on 14/6. Aotea H; 29 on 28/6. Kawhia H; 64 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tuapiro E; 70 on 8/11 (BC). Matakana I; 16 at northwest end on 28/6 (BC), 21 at Panepane Pt on 28/6 (L&GB). Kaituna Cut; 80 on 7/12, 22/2 (PCML). Otamarakau; 28 on 20/6. Herepuru; 27 on 20/6 (JAB,RMW). Tarawera E; 30 on 27/7 (PCML). Rangitaiki E; 15 on 12/6 (WMH). Waiotahi E; 19 on 5/12. Waiaua E; 41 on 5/12. Motu E; 30 on 21/11 (WHS). [G/W] Mahia Pen; 4 on reef on 13/6 (GAF). [T] Awakino E; 2 on 15/5 (BAH). Mokau E; 1-2 on 13/7, 5/8, 25/3, 30/4, 9, 19&20/5. Mohakatino E; 3 on 14/4 (BAH,DGM). [M] Manawatu E; 1 ad on 26/7, 16/8 (JL&MM). [HB] East Clive; 1 on 22/11 (OSNZ cen). [W] Wellington wharves; 1 on 28/8 (AT).

### LITTLE BLACK SHAG

*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

[FN] Hihi; 45 feeding on 29/6 (AJG). [SA] Conifer Grove; 123 on 5/4 (EW). Wattle Downs ponds; 93 on 9/5 (AMH). Manukau H; 26 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Kaiaua to Rangipo; 140 on 27/12 (KW). FoT; 19 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Wharekaho B; 22 on 17/8 (MBM). [WK] Raglan H; 40 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 44 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 10 on 14/6 (PCML). Ohiwa H; c.100 on 7/8, c.125 on 29/5 (WHS), 45 on 15/6 (WMH). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; 60 on 12/4. Patangata Lag; 246 on 6/6. Waikare E; 26 on 28/6 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year in small numbers, max 50+ on 23/5 (JL&MM) & 1/6 (IS). [HB] Awatoto; 25 on 20/6 (KVT). East Clive; 50 on 20/6 (BMT). Tukituki E; 100+ on 22/11 (OSNZ cen), c.50 on 27/4 (KVT). Porangahau E; 43 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae E; c.50 on 3/5 (AT).

**LITTLE SHAG***Phalacrocorax melanoleucus*

[SA] Manukau H; 21 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tuapiro; 30 on 8/11. Matakana I, northwest end; 44 on 28/6 (BC). Sulphur Pt; 33 on 28/6 (GH). Kaituna Cut; 10 on 14/6 (PCML). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 54 on 13/12 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 53 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). Black Reef; 3 nesting in boxthorn on 21/12 (BS). [Wr] Henley L, Masterton; 36 on 15/11 (AH).

27/7 (PCML), 2/5, 31/5, 20/6 (JAB,RMW). Waioeka E; 1 on 21/5-30/6 (WHS). [G/W] Korito channel, Whakaki Lag; 1 on 13/12 (GAF). [HB] Napier/Taradale urban area; 1 taking food from hand in May & Jun (per MT). Waitangi E; 1 on 4/9 (KVT), 9/10 (DA), 12/4 (M&PWT), 2 on 27/6 (IS). East Clive; 1 on 21/9 (DA) & 24/5-30/6 (M&PWT,BMT). [Wr] Masterton, 1 from 10-25/5 (CES). L Wairarapa; 1 on 3/6 (CCI).

**SPOTTED SHAG***Stictocarbo punctatus*

[A] Mangere SP; 9 on 12/3 (HRC). [SA]. Tarata Pt, Matingarahi; 3 on 21/12 (DJA). Kaiaua; 4 on 2/1. Taramaire; 45 on 2/1 (BHS). FoT; 17 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Waikaretu nth rock stack; 36+ nesting on sth & seaward side on 14/12 (ASR *et al.*). [T] Sugar Loaf Is; 1 on 28/7, 17/1 (BAH). [Wg] Wanganui RM; 8 on 13/7 (OCT). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 26/7, 31/8, 1/6, 13/6 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] East Clive sewer outfall; present most months, lowest in summer, max 92 on 28/6 (M&PWT). Cape Kidnappers; 15 on 21/8 (TAS).

**[LITTLE EGRET***Egretta garzetta*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 1 on 22/11 (GRP). [A] Puketutu I; 1 on 11/8 (HRC). [SA] Gordons Rd, Waiuku; 1 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [T] Mokau E; 1 from 19/5 to 21/6 (BAH,DGM). [HB] Clive R; 1 on 7/8 (MJ). East Clive; 1 on 20/8 (BMT), 6/6 (OSNZ cen), 28/6 (M&PWT). Tukituki E; 1 on 22/7 (KVT). Haumoana; 1 on 30/11, 2/4, 16/6 (BMT).]

**REEF HERON***Egretta sacra*

[FN] Te Werahi B; 1 on 29/11 (CLB). Rangaunu H; 1 on 21-22/1 (OSNZ cen). Islet off Coopers B; 2 on 18/12 (AJG). Paihia; 1 on 1/8. Okura, Kerikeri Inlet; 1 on 1/8 (CLB). [N] Ngunguru; 1 on 12/1. Waipu R; 1 on 17/4 (CLB). [A] Big Sand I, Tapora; 1 on 6/3 (CJE). Mangawhai E; 1 on 29/3 (DP). Kawau I; 1 on 16/4 (ESK), 1 on 30/4 (ESK, LMA). Waiwera; 1 on 1/4 (MW). Coalmine Bay, Whangaparaoa; 1 on 25/2 (SPC). Ocean B, Motuhihe I; 1 on 9/12 (ESK). Crusoe I, Hauraki Gulf; 1 on 10/12 (ESK). Browns I; 1 on 17/10, 30/4. Ponui I; 1 on 27/7, 19/9, 25/12, 24/1, 20/6 (ESK,LMA). Glendowie Spit; 1 on 8/8 (LMA). Little Huia, Manukau H; 1 on 23/12, 20/2 (JAK). [SA] Kawakawa Bay; 1 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Wilsons Bay; 1 on 18/5 (AMH). [WK] Raglan H; 6 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Ruapuke; 3 on 24/10 (AS&JMR). [BP] Mt Maunganui; 1 flying over town toward Rabbit I on 19/12 (PCML). Kaituna Cut; 1 on 1/11 (BC), 7/12 (PCML). Maketu E; 1 on 7/12 (GH), 22/2 (PCML). [G/W] Mahia Pen; singles at Dina's B on 13/12, Oraka on 15/1, Flat Rock on 28/3, probably same bird (GAF). [T] Mokau E; 1 on 23/7 (BAH). Waiongana E; 1 on 4/1, 2 on 15/2 (PJF). Sugar Loaf Is; 3 on 16/9, 2 on 7/11, 4 & 1 nest on 17/12, 2 ads & 1 juv on 1/1, 5 on 27/1 (BAH). Patea E; 2 on 30/10 (WvG).

**WHITE-FACED HERON***Ardea novaehollandiae*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 114 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 45 on 8/3, 77 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [SA] Manukau H; 438 on 15/11, 521 on 27/6. FoT; 166 on 2/11, 325 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Raglan H; 11 on 15/11, 30 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 16 on 15/11, 8 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; 40 on 8/11 (RC), 70 on 28/6 (PCML). Omokoroa golf course; 30 on 8/11 (RC). Maketu; 25 on 22/2 (PCML). Little Waihi; 21 on 7/12 (JS). Ohiwa H; c.250 on 15/6 (WMH). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 81 on 21/2 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 79 on 22/11, 34 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen).

**WHITE HERON***Egretta alba modesta*

[N] Whangarei H; 1 on 21/6 (AJB). [A] Kaipara H; 1 at Hoteo R bridge, SH 16 on 28/6 (GAP), 2 at Jordan's on 16/5 (JAK), 28/6 (SJD). [SA] Wattle Downs ponds; 1 from 29/9 (EW) to 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matata; 1 on

**CATTLE EGRET***Bubulcus ibis*

[N] Whatatiri Rd; 7 on 8/10 (SWJ). Waipu; 30 at McCauley's farm on 22/7, 6 on 12/5 (J.Hawken,AVW *et al.*), 31 at St Marys Rd on 14/10 (AVW). [A] Kaipara H; 1 at Walker I on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 5 at Jordan's on 16/5 (JAK), 1 at L Kereta on 25/4 (KRB,GE), 35 at Parkhurst on 12/5 (KH), 12 at Evan's Rd on 23/4 (KRB,RO,MJT). [SA] Conifer Grove; 3 on 25/4 (EW). Awhitu; 1 on 20/4 (VMR). Crouch Rd, Aka Aka; 63 on 20/7 (AMH), 114 on 20/6 (PA,DJA,DAL). Miranda; 4 in paddocks behind MNTC on 15/11 (KW), 1 on 26/4 (PC), 2 on 22/5 (TW). Piako; 41 on 3/7 (KW), 3 on 2/11 (OSNZ cen), 9 at Piako RM on 2/5 (DAL), 38 on 14/6 (GAP). [WK] Rangiriri; 180 on 23/8 (NJD). Glen Massey; 3 on 13/5 (PDB). L Ngaroto; 9 on 4/5 (PC), 36 on 21/6 (PC,BHS). [BP] Greig Rd, Awaiti; 15 on 10/8 (JAB), 6 on 2/5 (RMW). Toon Rd, Waiotahi; 1 on 15/6. Otara, Opotiki; 1 on 20/11 (WHS). [G/W] Patutahi; 25 in May/Jun (A.D.Bull). [T] Waiongana E; 3 on 3/9 (PJF), 15/11 (OSNZ). Epiha Rd, Waitara; 13 on 28/4 (WBM). Midhirst; 1 on 2/5 (AW). Hawera SP; 1 on 30/3, 16/4 (MJD). [Wg] Wangaehu R; 13 on 9/7, 16 on 1/9, 14 on 5/6 (IS). [M] Feilding SP; 2 just prior to duck-shooting (per R.Wasley). Manawatu E; 1 on 2-3/5 (JL&MM). L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 in breeding plumage on 17/12 (IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 13 on 9/8 (M&PWT). East Clive; 13 on 2/10, 1 on 8/6 (BMT), 2 on 30/6 (KVT,BMT). Takapau; 2 on 6/7 (JGH,CFM). [Wr] South Wairarapa; 2 at Moffats Rd on 7/5 (J&JD), 12 at Tuhitarata on 5/8 (DS).

**NANKEEN NIGHT HERON***Nycticorax caledonicus*

[HB] Pakowhai; 1 on 16/5 (JGH,CFM,M&PWT).]

**AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN***Botaurus poiciloptilus*

[FN] Kenana; 1 on house lawn in autumn (J.Reid per AJG). [A] Kaipara H; 1 at Port Albert on 14/6 (GNG,MKT); 1 at Big Sand I, Tapora, flying over school on 27/2 (GAPSJT). 1 at Jordan's in mangroves on 12/4 (ACR,JPG). Shakespear RP; 1 on 26/6 (TH). [SA] Coalfields Rd, Kopuku; 1 heard on 11/11 (DAL). Widgery L, Miranda; 1 on 5/1 (M. Gruball per KW). Hot Water B; 1 on 25/1 (WCNP). [WK] Falls Rd, Whangamarino; 5 in 1 paddock on 10/4 (PB). L Waahi; 1 on 5/4. Aotea H; 1

on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 1 on 1/11 (BC). [VP] L Rotoma; 1 on 22/3 (JAB). [G/W] Maungawhio Lag; 1 booming on 22/11 (GAF). [T] Nowell Ls, Hawera; 1 on 7/2 (OSNZ). [M] L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 on 17/8, 31/8 (JL&MM), 2 on 11/1 (IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 17/7 (TAS), 2 on 22/11 (OSNZ cen). East Clive; 2 on 20/10 (JGH,CFM), 1 on 22/12 (BMT), 24/5, 28/6 (M&PWT). Stanley Rd, off Taihape Rd; 1 on 10/4 (JGH,CFM). [Wr] L Res, Featherston; 1 booming on 1/11 (BB).

**GLOSSY IBIS***Plegadis falcinellus*

[A] Whatipu; 1 on dune lagoon from 28/11 (JED) to 7/12 (ACR). [M] L Omanu, near Otaki; 3 ads in breeding plumage on 15/2, 29/4 (IS,JL&MM).]

**ROYAL SPOONBILL***Platalea regia*

[FN] Unahi Rd, Rangaunu H; 120+ on 9/8 (GRP). Rawene; 4 on 3/6 (GNG,MKT). [N] Waikaraka Bay, Whangarei H; 15 on 2/7 (PJA). Port Whangarei; 13 on 26/10 (GNG,MKT), max 59 on 3/5 (GRP), 42 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Waipu E; 6 on 24/7, 1/9, 2/10, 3 on 25/5 (CRB,AVW). [A] Shelly B, Kaipara H; 7 on 5/6 (SJT,GAP). Puketutu I; 40 on 11/8 (HRC). Mangere SP; seen 1/4-16/5, max 64 on 21/4 (HRC,AMH). [SA] Conifer Grove; 2 on 3/6, 1 on 8/6, 10/6 (EW). Manukau H; 69 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Maraetai Bay, Port Waikato; 12 on 8/11 (AMH). Miranda; max 5 on 6/9 (ACR). [WK] Aotea H; 1 on 15/11. Kawhia H; 2 on 15/11, 65 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 27 on 24/7 (EW), 20 on 14/6 (PCML). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 4 on 22/11 (GAF). Whakaki Lag; 13 on 14/10, max 21 on 6/6 (GAF,DSF). Wairoa E; 9 on 18/10, max 12 on 13/4 (GAF). [T] Mokau E; 1 on 3/9, 4 on 21/4, 2 from 25/4 to 21/6 (BAH,DGM). Waitara E; 1 on 5/8, 18/8, 7/11 (BAH), 13/1 (WBM). Waiongana E; 1 on 9/5 (PJF). [Wg] Wanganui E; 11 on 26/7, max 13 on 4/4, 10 from 26/4 to 21/6 (OCT,IHS). [M] Manawatu E; present all months, max 58 on 2/5 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 30 on 6/7 (M&PWT), 14 on 22/11 (OSNZ cen), 1 on 4/1 (KVT), 61 on 12/4 (M&PWT), 34 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Nireha; 1 on 4/10 (SO'C). L Wairarapa; 2 on 29/7 (BB). [W] Waikanae E; noted 9/11-3/5, max 21 on 28/2 & 1/3 (AT).

**MUTE SWAN***Cygnus olor*

[Wg] L Virginia; 1 on 22/9 (AT). [HB] Upper Dartmoor; prs with 1 almost full grown cygnet on 29/3 at both Ngaroto farm & Te Motu dam (KVT).

**BLACK SWAN***Cygnus atratus*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 113 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [WK] L Waahi; 500 on 5/4. Kawhia H; 305+ on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; 150 on 28/6 (PCML). [G/W] Patangata Lag, max 111 on 28/3 (GAF,DSF). Whakaki Lag; max 187 on 13/12 (GAF). [M] Foxton B; c.200 on sea on 2/5 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 438 on 22/11, 274 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). L Poukawa; c.470 on 7/7, c.160 on 28/6 (KVT). Porangahau E; 52 on 30/11, 235 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Henley L, Masterton; large no. flying to & from on 27/3 (MK), 50+ on 14/4 (AH).

**CANADA GOOSE***Branta canadensis*

[N] Onerahi B; 3 on 21/9 (CLB,JSn). [WK] Glencoal Wildlife Refuge; c.200 on 10/4 (PC). L Waahi; 1127 on 5/4 (OSNZ cen). L Hakanoa; 574 on 6/7 (PC). Te Akau Sth; 65 on river flat pasture on 28/3 (HJC). [BP] Matahui Pt; 350 on 28/6 (PCML). Omokoroa golf course; 1 on 28/6 (PCML). Te Maunga; 15 on 8/11 (MS). Kaituna Cut; 19 on 7/12 (RMW). Maketu Spit; 10 ads, 19 goslings on 7/12. Matata; 60 on 27/7 (PCML), 61 ads, 9 goslings on 20/12, 78 on 17/6 (JAB,RMW). [VP] L Rotoma; 99 feeding at lake edge on 17/8 (RMW). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; c.600 on 25/1 (GAF). [Wr] Carterton; 45+ on 3/6 (CCl). Greytown; 2 large formations flying sth on 9/2 (DS). [W] Waikanae Marina; max 2 on 17/8 & 1/3 (AT,JL,BAT).

**PARADISE SHELDUCK***Tadorna variegata*

[SA] FoT; 86 on 2/11 (OSNZ cen). [WK] L Waahi; 276 on 5/4 (OSNZ cen). Raglan SP; 131 on 11/1 (PC). Awakino Gorge; c.50 on 5/3 (FEB). [G/W] Tolaga Bay; 400 & 250 in 2 newly harvested corn fields on 28/2 (AJB). Whakaki Lag; max c.1800 on 28/3, 1030 on 6/6 (GAF,DSF). [T] Waverley; c.60 on lake 3km south of town on 25/4 (AT). [M] L Omanu, near Otaki; c.90 on 28/3 (JL&MM). [W] Waimeha Lag, Waikanae; 67 on 1/3 (AT,BAT).

**[CHESTNUT-BREASTED SHELDUCK***Tadorna tadornoides*

[M] L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 on 28-29/3, 3 on 25/4, 2 on 29/4, all females (JL&MM,IS).]

**BLUE DUCK***Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus*

[WK] YMCA camp, Aratahi Rd, Pureora; 1 on 14/6. Nth of lag, Waihora Stm; 1 on 14/6 (PdM). [BP] Toatoa; 1 pr, 1 juv netted for blood samples (WHS,DOC).

**MALLARD***Anas platyrhynchos*

[SA] Manukau H; 836 on 15/11, 1761 on 27/6. FoT; 495 on 2/11, 1899 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] L Waahi; 895 on 5/4 (OSNZ cen). L Hakanoa; 250+ incl 3 feral peking ducks on 6/7 (PC). Forest L; 367 on 15/6 (ABC). Hamilton L; 3420 on 10/5 (BAF *et al.*). Raglan H; 145 on 14/6. Aotea H; 205 on 28/6. Kawhia H; 120 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; c.1000 loafing on harbour on 28/6 (PCML). Te Maunga SP; c.500 on 8/11 (MS). Little Waihi; 150 on 14/6. Matata; c.300 on 27/7 (PCML), c.1000 on 20/6 (JAB,RMW). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max c.3500 on 28/3 when most sites drought affected (GAF,DSF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 333 on 22/11, 213 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen).

**GREY DUCK***Anas superciliosa*

[SA] FoT; 52 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] L Hakanoa; 33 on 6/7 (PC). [BP] L Tamerunui; female with brood on 15/2 (PCML). [G/W] Pakarae Res, Tolaga Bay; 22 on 1/1 (GAF). [T] Hawera SP; 15+ on 20/4 (MJD).

**GREY TEAL***Anas gracilis*

[SA] Kidds, Karaka; 200 on 9/8 (AMH). Manukau H; 50 on 15/11, 107 on 27/6. FoT; 232 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Stilt Pools, Miranda; 49 on 18/12 (R. Mavor per KW). [WK] L Hakanoa; 20 on 6/7. Raglan SP; 25 on 11/1 (PC). [BP] Kaituna Cut; max 364 on 22/2 (PCML). Matata; 17 on 20/12 (JAB,RMW). [G/W] Maungawhio Lag; 8 ads inc 1 with 7 ducklings on 22/11 (GAF). Whakaki Lag; 77 on 7/2 built up to 2250 on 6/6, when most sites drought affected (GAF,DSF). [T] Hawera SP; 10+ on 7/2 (OSNZ),

85 on 17/3 (MJD). Waverley; 4 on lake 3km south of town on 25/4 (AT). [M] Manawatu E; flock in duck-shooting season, max c.350+ on 13/6 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 95 on 22/11, c.420 on 6/6. East Clive; 10 on 22/11 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waimeha Lag, Waikanae; 7 on 28/2 & 1/3 (AT,BAT). Waikanae E; 18 on 28/2 (AT).

### [CHESTNUT TEAL

*Anas castanea*

[M] Manawatu E; 1 eclipse plumage male on 1&7/6 (IS et al.).]

### BROWN TEAL

*Anas aucklandica chlorotis*

[FN/N] Counts of 175 in Jan, 273 in Feb, highest Feb count since 1993 (GRP,NM). [W] Waikanae marina; 2 females, 1 male, 1 male ?hybrid with mallard on 14/6. Waikanae E; 2 prs on 28/2 (AT) & 1/3 (AT,JL,BAT), 1 pr on 5/4 (AT).

### NEW ZEALAND SHOVELER

*Anas rhynchotis variegata*

[A] Tawharanui; 1 on 21/10 (MPG). [SA] Conifer Grove; 18 on 25/8 (EW). Manukau H; 40 on 15/11, 151 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] L Hakanoa; 54 on 6/7. Raglan SP; 12 on 5/4 (PC). [BP] Matata; max 100 on 17/6 (JAB,RMW). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; c.900 on 12/4 built up to 2300 on 6/6 when most sites drought affected (GAF,DSF). [T] Hawera SP; 100+ on 17/3, 220+ on 6/4 (MJD). [M] Manawatu E; 500+ throughout Jun (IS et al.). [HB] Ahuriri E; c.300+ on 29/7 (KVT), 334 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). East Clive; 16 on 4/3 (KVT). Porangahau E; 22 on 30/11 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae marina; 24 on 3/5 (AT).

### NEW ZEALAND SCAUP

*Aythya australis*

[N] L Rototuna, Pouto Pen; 2 on 5/9 (PJA). [A] Straka's Refuge; 22 on 18/1 (GAP). [WK] Waipapa Dam; 48 on 7/3 (LWEH). [BP] Matata; 50 on 20/6 (JAB,RMW). [VP] L Okataina; some ads with ducklings on 5-6/2 (BHS). [Wg] Westmere L; ads & chs present on 2/1 (OCT). [M] Manawatu E; 4 on 1/6, 1 on 7/6 (IS), 2 on 28/6 (JL&MM), first recent records for this locality (IS). [HB] Ngaroto farm, Upper Dartmoor; 31 on 29/3 (M.T.Craven,KVT).

[W] Waikanae marina; 54 on 3/5. Kotuku Park, Waikanae E; 20 on new pond on 28/2. L Puketewhaino, Paraparaumu; 12 on 17/8 (AT).

### AUSTRALASIAN HARRIER

*Circus approximans*

[BP] Whale I; 1 on 13/12 (PCML). [VP] L Okataina; 1 chased by black-backed gulls on 5 or 6/2 (BHS). [Wr] 72 on 20/6 (OSNZ cen).

### NEW ZEALAND FALCON

*Falco novaeseelandiae*

[WK] Karakariki; 1 on 4/5 (K.Wilkinson). Hicks Rd, Maungatautari; 1 on 12/6 (MRD). Mapara; 1 female on 2/11 (PC), 1 on 7/1 (M.Snowball). Waihora Catchment, Pureora; 1 on 14/6 (PdM). [BP] No. 3 Road, Te Puke; 1 killed when hit top of shelter-belt tree while stooping at prey in early Aug (PCML). [VP] Turangi; 1 flying nth down main street on 28/5 (PC). [G/W] Wairoa; 1 roosting in Norfolk pine in town, often chasing domestic pigeons (GAF). [T] Mokau; 1 on 7/12 (DGM,BAH). Mt Messenger SF; 1 in Jun (WAP). Pouakai Range; 1 on 2/11 (WAP,WBM,BAH). [Wg] Wanganui; 1 on 21/6, 1 chasing tui at Aramoho on 25/8 & 26/8 (TT). [HB] Hospital Hill, Napier; 1 on 27/7, 5/10, 13/10 (DA). Twyford; 1 on 7, 15, 24/8 (JW). Hastings Golf Club, Bridge Pa; 1 flying over on 5/7 (CFM). Fernhill; 1 flying over vineyard on 2/9 (JGH). Blowhard Bush; 2 on 13/4 (TAS). Triplex area, Ruahine Forest Park; 1 chasing small bird, calling, on 26/11 (BMT). [Wr] Waiohine V; 1 on 10/5, 21/5 (J&JD). Masterton; 1 on 5/8 (CES), 3/10, 31/10 (TCD). Mangatetere V; 1 on 20/1 (J&JD). Haurangi Forest; seen often (CES). [W] Haywards Hill; 1 on 21/5 (J&JD).

### CALIFORNIA QUAIL

*Callipepla californica*

[N] Onerahi; 1 male crowing in suburban area on 25/8, present 1 week (PJA). [SA] 1 male near MNTC on 20/11 (KW). [VP] Old Te Whaiti Rd, Minginui; coveys of 40, 16, 10 & 8 in cut-over forest on old mill sites at 0700-0800 hrs on 5&7/5 (WHS).

### BROWN QUAIL

*Synoicus ypsilophorus*

[BP] Awakeri; 1 injured on 29/9 (WBR).

**RING-NECKED PHEASANT***Phasianus colchicus*

[BP] Papamoa; common throughout year, 1st crowing on 31/8, 8 in dunes on 23/9. No. 3 Road, Te Puke; 1 female with 10 half grown chs in kiwifruit orchard on 5&19/2 (PCML).

**PEAFOWL***Pavo cristatus*

[SA] Whanganui I; 7 males, 8 females on 8/5 (AJB). [WK] Waimai Stm, Waikorea Rd; 5+ on 18/5 (HJC).

**WILD TURKEY***Meleagris gallipavo*

[WK] Waikorea B; 8 on 18/5 (HJC,CC). Tuakau-Waingaro; 30 on 19/10 (PC).

**BANDED RAIL***Rallus philippensis*

[FN] Puketi HQ; 1 pr with 5 chs on 2/2 (K.Riddell per GRP). [N] Beach Rd, Whangarei H; 2 prs throughout year in mangroves/drains around built up area (PJA). [A] Kaukapakapa R; 1 on 7/12 (CLB). Straka's Refuge; 1 on 17/11 (JLK). Baddeley's B; 1 heard on 21/1 (MPG). [SA] Puhinui; 1 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). Miranda; 2 at Widgery L most months, 1 pr with 8 chs on 28/12, down to 6 chs on 12/1 (KW), 6 at Limeworks on 7/4 (J&NH). Waitakaruru; 2 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Te Puti, Kawhia; 1 on 30/5 (DJR,ICS). [BP] Harbour Rd, Ohope; 1 200g caught by cat on 11/2 (WBR). Ohiwa; 2 feeding in open on mudflats for at least 30 mins on 18/1 (PCML).

**NORTH ISLAND WEKA***Gallirallus australis greyi*

[SA] Whanganui I; 5 heard in poor weather on 7/5, weka were released in July 1997 as part of recovery programme (AJB). [BP] Toatoa area; 2 on 11/8, 10 day old ch found orphaned on 11/7, released healthy on 12/9 (WHS).

**SPOTLESS CRAKE***Porzana tabuensis*

[A] Straka's Refuge; 1 heard on 17/11 (JLK). [BP] L Tamurenu; 3 on 25/1 (JAB). [T] Okato; 1 caught by cat

on 28/5 (REL). [M] Foxton No. 2 L; 1 responded to taped calls on 18/1 (JL&MM).

**MARSH CRAKE***Porzana pusilla*

[HB] East Clive; 1 picked up alive on roadside on 2/3, handed to Ministry of Agriculture, died (G.MacKereth).

**PUKEKO***Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*

[SA] Manukau H; 58 on 15/11, 113 on 27/6. FoT; 99 on 2/11, 93 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Whanganui I; 5 on 8/5 (AJB). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; 12 left reeds to walk across 200 m of exposed mudflat to water on 3/7 (GAF). [Wr] Common throughout region (CES).

**AUSTRALIAN COOT***Fulica atra australis*

[A] Mangere SP; 1 on 8/2 (HRC). [SA] Wattle Downs ponds; 1 on 29/9 (EW). [WK] Forest L, Hamilton; 9 ad, 3 juv on 15/6, 4 on 8/3 (ABC). Hamilton L; 40 on 12/10, 4 on 8/3 (BAF *et al.*). Whakamaru dam wetland; 12 on 9/7 (ASR,BHS). [BP] Matata; 4 on 20/12 (JAB,RMW), 10 on 28/2 (AJB). [T] L Mangamahoe; 3 on 14/6 (BAH). Hawera SP; 1 on 23/1 (MJD). [Wg] L Virginia; 30 on 22/9 (AT). [Wr] Park L, Masterton; 4 on 5/12 (CES). Henley L, Masterton; 1 on 8/10 (BW), 2 on 14/4 (AH).

**SOUTH ISLANDPIED OYSTERCATCHER***Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

[N] Whangarei H; 300 at Skull Ck & 302 at Marsden on 15/11 (OSNZ cen), 400+ feeding at Mangapai RM on 15/2 (PRS), 1190 at Takahiwai, 627 at Marsden & 129 on northern shore on 8/3, 428 at Portland, 410 at Skull Ck, 150 at Takahiwai, 543 at Marsden & 108 at Ruakaka RM on 27/6. Okaro Ck; 135 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 12035, summer cen 2738. Port Albert; 250 on 15/3 (SPC). Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 900 on 6/3 (GAP). Big Sand I, Tapora; 984 on 29/3, 1000 on 14/6 (GNG,MKT). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 6260 on 12/4 (ACR, JPG), 6000 on 16/5 (ACR). Rat I, Kaipara H; 600 on 7/12 (GAP). Tamaki E; 470 on 15/7 (LMA,ESK). Mangere SP/Kiwi Esplanade; 8890 in May (AMH). Huia; 300 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen,M&SG). [SA] Weymouth B; 286 on 14/10 (EW). Manukau H; 5879 on 2/11, 32870 on 27/

6 (OSNZ cen). Port Waikato; 129 on 19/10 (PDC,BAF); 300 on 25/1 (ASR,JMR). FoT; 2838 on 2/11, 29724 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi spit; 457 on 5/4 (MBM). [WK] Raglan H; 288 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Aotea H; 243 on 15/11, 1193 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). Ocean B, Kawhia; groups of 14, 17, 17, 13, 15 flying nth on 23/1 (PC). Kawhia H; 778 on 15/11, 3011 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). Taharoa; 127 in transit nth in 7 flocks of 4-25 birds, 25 landed for <15 mins, on 7/1 (HJC,BAW,CC). [BP] Bowentown Shellbanks; 78 on 8/11, 886 on 28/6 (BC). Matahui Pt; 300 on 8/11 (RC), 500 on 28/6 (PCML). Omokoroa golf course; 60 on 8/11 (RC). Sulphur Pt; 4 on 8/11 (PCML), 465 on 28/6 (GH). Matapihi; 27 on 8/11, 38 on 28/6 (L&GB). Te Maunga; 81 on 8/11 (MS). Maketu; 61 on 7/12, 200 on 14/6 (PCML,GH). Ohiwa; 380 on 22/8, 170 on 6&16/12, 701 on 15/6 (WHS,WMH). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 45 on 13/6 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; c.20 most of year, max 154 on 12/10 (JL&MM).

## VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER

### *Haematopus unicolor*

[F] Kapowairua; 1 3-egg nest on 22/11 (PRS,WP,CLB,JSn). Parengarenga H; 13 on 21-22/11. Houhora H; 58 on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 72 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 4 nesting at Skull Ck, 4 nesting at Takahiwai & 32 at Marsden on 15/11, 88 at Portland, 88 at Marsden & 51 on northern shore on 8/3, 78 at Marsden & 54 on northern shore on 27/6. Ruakaka E; 52 on 15/11, 66 on 8/3, 76 on 27/6. Waipu E; 129 on 15/11, 195 on 8/3, 41 on 27/6. Tinopai; 85 on 16/11. Okaro Ck; 45 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sand I, Mangawhai; 128 on 21/6 (GAP,JAK). Whangapoua, Great Barrier I; 42 on 12/4 (KRB). Papakanui Spit; 16 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen,DAW). Shoal Bay; 14 on 18/4 (DP). Browns I; 24 on 5/12 incl 4 prs with one ch each, one pr with 2 chs (ESK). Motuihe I; 8 on 22/6 (ESK). Karekare; 12 on 29/10 (JAK). [SA] Manukau H; 14 on 15/11, 15 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Sunset B, Port Waikato; 70 on 13/9 (AMH), 45 on 7/12 (DAL). Sand I, Port Waikato; 32 ads & 2 chs on 7/12 (DAL,PA). Kariotahi B; 45 on 22/3 (PA). FoT, 42 on 2/11, 67 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi; 57 on 24/10, 31 on 22/12, 164 on 5/4 (MBM). [WK] Kawhia H; 12 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Bowentown B & shellbanks; 31 on 8/11, 71 on 28/6 (BC). Panepane Pt; 25 on 8/11, 32 on 28/6 (L&GB). Matakana I; 39 prs on 19/12 (DW). Maketu; 76 on 23/7 (EW), 7 prs on 7/12 (PCML,GH), 60 on 14/6 (PCML). Little Waihi;

37 ads & 2 chs on 7/12 (CL,JS). Rangitaiki RM; 25 on 12/6 (WMH). Ohiwa; 30 on 16/12, 250 on 15/6 (WMH,WHS). Waiotahi E; 8 ads & 2 chs on 5/12 & 18/1 (WHS,PCML). Waiaua E; 10 on 5/12 (WHS). [G/W] Tolaga Bay; 1 pr with ad-sized ch, ad chased off harrier on 28/2 (AJB). Pukenui B; 7 prs nesting on 6/12, 19 ads & 3 prs with 5 (2,2,1) chs on 17/1. Mahia Pen; 54 in 'cactus' area on 13/6. Whakaki Lag; 4 on 12/4 (GAF). [T] Mohakatino E; 8 on 23/7. Tongaporutu E; 2 ads & 3 imms on 2/2. Waitara E; 7 on 27/5 (BAH). Waiongana E; 5 on 15/10 (PJF). [Wr] Te Awaiti, Martinborough; 14 on 14/4 (CES). [M] Manawatu E; 2-6 usually, max 9 on 17/1 (JL&MM). [HB] Porangahau; 11 on 30/11, 21 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen).

## AUSTRALASIAN PIED STILT

### *Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus*

[F] Parengarenga H; 140 on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 69 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 244 at Port Whangarei, 96 at Portland & 51 at Takahiwai on 15/11, 461 at Port Whangarei, 132 at Portland & 68 at Takahiwai on 8/3, 59 at Portland, 95 at Skull Ck, 50+ at Marsden & 121 on northern shore on 27/6. Ngamotu; 116 on 16/11. Batly-Tanoa; 106 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 1769, summer cen 122. Port Albert; 157 on 15/3 (SPC). Walker I, Kaipara H; 150 on 6/12 (JC). Hedley's, Kaipara H; 465 on 28/6 (PA,DJA). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 550 on 12/4 (ACR,JPB). Shoal Bay; 122 on 5/4 (DP). Mangere SP; 650 on 31/5 (M&SG). Whatipu; 60 on 7/12 in dune swamp (ACR). Tappers Yard, Onehunga; 78 on 28/8 (AMH), 84 on 8/6 (DGB). [SA] Conifer Grove; 160 incl 5 juvs on 21/12, 313 incl 10 juvs on 4/1, 374 incl 11 juvs on 9/2 (EW), 2 on 27/6. Manukau H; 912 on 15/11, 2558 on 27/6. (OSNZ cen). FoT; 1405 on 2/11, 3238 on 14/6. [WK] Forest L, Hamilton; 88 on 15/6 (ABC). Raglan H; 61 on 15/11. Kawhia H, 92 on 15/11, 108 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; 350 on 28/6. Omokoroa golf course; 97 on 28/6 (PCML). Kaituna Cut; 83 on 7/12 (PCML,RMW), 148 on 18&22/2 (EW,PCML), 70 on 14/6. Maketu E; 100 on 22/2 (PCML). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; 446 on 25/1 built up to 2318 on 6/6 as drought dried up most wetlands (GAF,DSF). [Wg] Wanganui E; 53 on 3/1 (IHS). [M] Manawatu E; max c.260 on 2/5 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 378 on 22/11, 508 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waimeha Stm, Waikanae; 30 on 1/2 (BAT).

**BLACK STILT***Himantopus novaezelandiae*

[F] Hihi; 1 node E on 17/4 (AJG). [A] Hedley's, Kaipara H; 3 on 28/6 (PA,DJA). [SA] Manukau H; 2 on 27/6. FoT; 2 smudges on 2/11, 3 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Kawhia H; 3 node E, 1 G, 1 H, 4 I on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; 2 on 21/3 (BC), 2 completely black in flock of c.350 pied stilts on 28/6 (PCML). [T] Mokau E; 1 node F/H on 5/8, 9&29/1, 17/3. Mohakatino E; 1 node F/H on 20&24/1, 14/4-3/6 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 node E/F & 1 F on 16/11-28/2 (JL&MM).

**NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL***Charadrius obscurus*

[F] Kapowairua; 3 & 1-egg nest on 22/11 (CLB,WP,PRS,JSn). Pandora B; 8 & 3-egg nest on 30/11 (CLB,DD). Cape Maria Van Dieman; 3-egg nest on 29/11 (CLB). Parengarenga H; 15 on 21-22/11. Houhora H; 18 on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 30 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). Rangitane; 12 on reef on 31/10 (D.Panckhurst). [N] Whangarei H; 3 nesting at Takahiwai & 18 on northern shore on 15/11, 27 at Takahiwai on 8/3, 2 at Portland & 4 on northern shore on 27/6. Ruakaka E; 13 on 15/11, 6 on 27/6. Waipu E; 27 on 15/11, 32 on 8/3, 26 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 48, summer cen 31. Motuihe I; 9 ads on 15/12, 1 pr with 2 chs (ESK). Sand I, Mangawhai; 114 on 29/3 (GAP). Te Arai; 12 on 5/10 (GAP). Great Barrier I; 53 at Whangapoua, 5 at Kaitoki on 12/4 (KRB *et al.*). Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 30 on 16/2 (SJT). Big Sand I, Tapora; 28 on 29/3 (GNG,MKT). Papakanui Spit; 20 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen,DAW). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 11 on 12/4 (ACR,JPB). Shoal Bay; 9 on 16/1 (DP). Browns I; 33 on 30/4 (ESK). Karekare; 6-8 in fortnightly survey all summer (JAK). Roscommon Quarry, Wiri; 14 on 13/5 (AMH). Airport, Mangere; max 30 on 26/2 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; max 12 on 8/2 (DAL,AMH). Manukau H; 16 on 15/11, 28 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Mataitai; 24 on 30/3 (EW *et al.*). Rangipo, Miranda; max 19 on 7/2 (PA). FoT; 25 on 2/11, 25 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi; 10 on 24/10, 58 on 5/4 (MBM). [WK] Waikorea B; 4 on 27/10 (PDB,HJC,ZMC). Raglan North - Te Hara Pt; 2 on 23/1. Ruapuke; 3 on 9/1 (ASR,JMR). Aotea H; 2 on 28/6, 5 on 15/11. Kawhia H; 4 on 15/11, 12 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matakana I; 26 prs on 19/12 (DW). Otamarakau; 3 prs & 9 chs on 20/12 (JAB,RMW). Ohiwa; 66 on 17/4 (WMH,WHS). Waioeka

E; 9 ads & 2 chs on 5/12. Waiaua E; 12 ads & 8 chs on 5/12 (WHS). Whangaparaoa E; 8 ads & 3 chs on 2/12 (DOC). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 1 on 22/11, 5 on 3/1. Onenui, Mahia Pen; 1 pr with 1 ch on 20/10, no ch found 1 week later. Portland I; 1 pr with 1 ch on 22/11 (GAF). [T] Pungaereere E; 2 on 7/9, 15/12, 3 on 5/1, 26/4 (BAH).

**BANDED DOTTEREL***Charadrius bicinctus bicinctus*

[F] Kapowairua; 1 nest with 1 egg on 22/11 (CLB,WP,JSn,PRS). [N] Skull Ck, Whangarei H; 28 on 8/3. Takahiwai; 94 on 8/3. Waipu E; 30 on 8/3 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 379, summer cen 75. Big Sand I, Tapora; 500 on 29/3 (GNG,MKT). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 350 on 12/4 (ACR,JPB). Shoal Bay; 20 on 12/7 (DP). Whatipu; 32 on 23/1 (JAK). Tappers Yard, Onehunga; max 132 on 22/7 (AMH), 36 on 8/6 (DGB). Airport, Mangere; 82 on 11/8, 50 on 31/12 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; max 100 on 22/3 (GAP). Manukau H; 551 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Mataitai; 40 on 30/3. Kawakawa Bay; 23 on 30/3 (EW *et al.*). Stilt pools, Miranda; 30 on 23/4 (IS). FoT; 39 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Aotea H; 110 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). Ocean B, Kawhia; 73 on 23/1 (PC). Kawhia H; 382 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Ohiwa; 38 on 24/8, c.300 on 15/3, 152 on 15/6 (WMH,WHS). [G/W] Pukenui B; 6 prs nesting on 6/12 (GAF). Whakaki Lag; max 165 on 22/2 (GAF,DSF). Mohaka R; flock of 20 on shingle flat on 8/2 (GAF). [Wg] Wanganui south beach; 5 on 26/12. Wanganui E; 39 on 6/5 (IHS). [T] Waiongana E; max c.80 on 19/7 (BAH,PJF). Pungaereere E; 5 on 26/4. Oaonui dunes; 18 on 5/1 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 28 on 1/8, then present 7/12-14/6, max 147 on 16/3 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; c.40 on 4/1 (MT,PWT). East Clive; 30 on 22/11, 22 on 6/6. Porangahau; 8 on 30/11, 85 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Opurua; large flocks on 10/4 (CCl). Onoke Spit; 21 on 24/10, 7/11 (CES). [W] Waikanae E; 26 on 28/2 (AT).

**BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL***Charadrius melanops*

[SA] Miranda; 1 on 13/7 (DJA). Wharekaho B; 1 on 20 & 21/10 (MBM). [G/W] Mohaka R; 2 by lower bridge on 8/2 (GAF). [BP] Matata; 2 on 24&31/5 (JAB) & 20/6 (RMW). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 12/2, 19/4 (PJF).

[M] Turakina E; 9 on 22/10. Feilding SP; 16 on 3/5 (IS). Foxton B SP; 2 on 26/7, 1 on 16/8 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 10 on 22/11, 46 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Henley L, Masterton; 2 on 30/7 (AH). Ruamahanga R; 3 on 6/2 (TCD).

### [LARGE SAND DOTTEREL

*Charadrius leschenaultii*

[A] Big Sand I, Tapora; 2 on 18/10, 1 on 16/11-1/3 (GNG *et al.*), 1 in breeding plumage on 18/4 (CLB). [SA] Stilt pools, Miranda; 1 on 21/12 (PA), 25/12 (JLK), 7/3 (BHS) and 19/4 (ICS).]

### [MONGOLIAN DOTTEREL

*Charadrius mongolus*

[A] Big Sand I, Tapora; 2 on 16/11 (GNG,SPC,CJE), 2 on 6/12-31/1, 1 on 29/3-24/4 (GNG,MKT). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 28/2 (PA) and 13/4 (AMH).]

### WRYBILL

*Anarhynchus frontalis*

[F] Parengarenga H; 16 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 17 at Port Whangarei, 104 at Portland, 34 at Skull Ck & 5 at Takahiwai on 8/3, 20 at Portland & 37 at Skull Ck on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 268, summer cen 161. Tauhoa; 50 on 6/9 (GAP). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 117 on 1/2 (ACR), 325 on 13/2 (SJD), 56 on 12/4 (ACR, JPG). Sand I, Mangawhai; 31 on 29/3 (GAP). Whangapoua, Great Barrier I; 6 on 12/4 (KRB *et al.*). Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 49 on 9/5 (GAP, SPC). Big Sand I, Tapora; 200 on 28/2 (SJT), 50 on 14/6 (GNG, MKT). Shoal Bay; 61 on 27/7 (PA), 22 on 5/7, 50 on 12/7, 40 on 19/7, 58 on 26/7, 25 on 2/8 (DP). Tamaki E; 91 on 22/8 (LMA, ESK). Mangere SP; 110 on 21/6 (OSNZ cen, ACR, HRC), max 250 on 16/5 (AMH, HRC). Airport, Mangere; 400 on 26/2 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; max 600 on 13/4 (AMH). Manukau H; 34 on 15/11, 1594 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Sunset B, Port Waikato; 1 feeding on flies on dry ocean beach sand on 7/12 (DAL). Rangipo; min 30 on 2/1 (BHS). FoT; 83 on 2/11, 2400 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi spit; 1 on 24/10 (MBM). [BP] Sulphur Pt; 35 on 28/6 (GH). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 26 on 13/6 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 4 on 27/9 (PJF). [M] Turakina E; 1 on 19/2 (IS). Manawatu E; max 40+ on Feb-Apr (IS, JL&MM). [Wg] Wanganui south beach;

4 on 6/9 (IHS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 2 on 11/10 (MT, PWT), 1 on 17/1 (JGH, CFM). Porangahau; 5 on 30/11, 79 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Waikanae E; 3 on 29/12 (AT).

### PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER

*Pluvialis fulva*

[F] Parengarenga H; 21 on 21-22/11. Houhora H; 47 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Takahiwai; 24 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai E; 1 on 14/1 (CLB, JSn). Kaipara H; summer cen 52. Whangapoua, Great Barrier I; 1 on 12/4 (KRB *et al.*). Big Sand I, Tapora; 26 on 1/3 (PR). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 36 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen, SJD, GE). Whatipu; 3 on 15/10 (JAK). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 3 on 18/10 (DAL), 31 on 1/1 (DJA), 13 on 27/3, 3 on 13/4 (AMH). Mataitai; 7 on 30/3 (EW *et al.*). Miranda; 3 on 13 & 15/10 (KW), 2 on 19/10 (AMH), 1 on 12/6 (ICS). FoT; 8 on 2/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 12 on 7/12 (PCML). Maketu; 11 on 18/2 (EW). Ohiwa; max 11 on 6/12 (WHS). [G/W] Waipaoa E; 11 on 1/1 (GAF). Whakaki Lag; max 18 on 14/3 (GAF, DSF). Wairoa E; max 18 on 6/5 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 27/9 increased to 4 from 4/1-24/3 (PJF, BAH). [M] Manawatu E; present 10/10-Mar, max 23 on 17&21/12 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 8 on 28/9 (JGH, CFM), 10 on 7/3 (MT, PWT).

### SPUR-WINGED PLOVER

*Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

[A] Jordan's, Kaipara H; 50+ on 12/4 (ACR, JPG). [SA] Manukau H; 145 on 15/11, 148 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). FoT; 189 on 2/11, 264 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Kaawa B; 45 on 14/12 (ASR, JMR). Kawhia H; 19 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). Taharoa; 27 on 7/1 (HJC, BAW, CC). [BP] Te Maunga; 32 on 8/11 (MS). Kaituna Cut; c.80 on 24/7 (EW), 14/6 (PCML). Whangaparaoa; 23 on 16/12 (DOC). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 136 on 7/3 (GAF, DSF). [HB] Ahuriri E; c.150 on 2/11 (MT, PWT).

### TURNSTONE

*Arenaria interpres*

[F] Parengarenga H; 320 on 21-22/11. Houhora H; 150 on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 236 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Waipu E; max 20 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 129, summer cen 512. Sand I, Mangawhai; 13 on 29/3 (GAP). Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 300 on 6/12

(GAP). Big Sand I, Tapora; 416 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen,GNG, SPC, CJE), 252 on 6/3 (GNG, MKT). Papakanui Spit; 65 on 31/1 (GAP, AMH). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; min 34 on 9/8, max 300+ on 1/1 (AMH). Manukau H; 171 on 15/11, 48 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Access Bay, Miranda; min 8 on 11/9 (KW), max 60 on 29/12 (ASR,JMR). [WK] Kawhia H; 1 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Bowentown shellbanks; c.100 on 8/11 (BC). Kaituna Cut; 10 on 7/12 (PCML). Maketu; 26 on 18/2 (EW). [Wr] Onoke Spit; 3 on 7/11 (CES). [G/W] Portland I; 40 on 22/11 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 3 on 26/9, 4 on 12/10 (PJF). Kina Rd B, near Rahotu; 1 on 30/9 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; present 28/9-2/2, max 11 on 15-16/11 (IS,JL&MM).

### LESSER KNOT

#### *Calidris canutus*

[F] Parengarenga H; 3300 on 21-22/11. Houhora H; 700+ on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 4000 on 21-22/11. [N] Whangarei H; 250 at Portland, 800+ at Skull Ck, 100 at Takahiwai & 120 at Marsden on 15/11, 400 at Portland, 310 at Skull Ck, 408 at Takahiwai & 70 at Marsden on 8/3, 61 at Skull Ck on 27/6. Ruakaka E; 22 on 15/11. Waipu E; 65 on 8/3. Pahi-Whakapirau; 45 on 16/11. Okaro Ck; 170 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 37, summer cen 15255. Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 1000 on 16/11, 2000 on 6/3 (GAP,OSNZ cen). Big Sand I, Tapora; 7100 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen,GNG,SPC,CJE), 2000 on 31/1 (GNG,MKT). Papakanui Spit; 1000 on 12/12 (DAW,GAP). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 3000 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen,SJD,GE), 6500 on 1/2 (ACR). [SA] Conifer Grove; 182 on 5/1 (EW). Manukau H; 9728 on 15/11, 870 on 27/6. FoT; 3689 on 2/11, 264 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; 90 on 21/3 (BC). Maketu; 190 on 22/2 (PCML). [T] Tongaporutu E; 1 on 16/10 (BAH). Waiongana E; 12 on 27/9 (PJF). [M] Turakina E; 2 on 22/10. Tangimoana B; 3 on 3/11 (IS). Manawatu E; present 30/8-27/3, max 280 on 21/12 (IS,JL&MM). L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 on 28/9 (JL&MM).

### [SANDERLING]

#### *Calidris alba*

[A] Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 1 on 7/12, 8/2, 23/2, 6/3 (GAP,SJT).]

### CURLEW SANDPIPER

#### *Calidris ferruginea*

[A] Haranui Rd, Kaipara H; 1 on 16/11 (AMH). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 26/7 (DJA,PA), max 22 on 13/4 (AMH). Miranda; 1 on 11/9, max 3 on 17/11 (KW), 1 on 7/2 (PA). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; 1 on 25/1 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 2/1 (JGH,CFM).

### SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER

#### *Calidris acuminata*

[A] Jordan's, Kaipara H; 1 on 29/11 (PR). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 18/10 (PA), max 10 on 13/4 (AMH). Stilt pools, Miranda; 3 on 14/9 (ASR), max 12 on 29/12 (ASR,JMR), 6 on 7/3 (BHS). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 1 on 18/2 (EW) & 22/2. Maketu; 1 on 22/2 (PCML). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; 5 on 7/2 built up to 9 on 21/2 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 10/10-4/11, 3 on 9/11-16/11, 4 on 30/11-10/4 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 4 on 2/1 (JGH,CFM), 3 on 2/2 (MT,PWT). Porangahau; 2 on 30/11 (OSNZ cen).

### PECTORAL SANDPIPER

#### *Calidris melanotos*

[A] Jordan's, Kaipara H; 1 on 15/11 (GNG, MKT). [SA] Miranda; 1 in pools south-east of MNTC on 1/3 (PC), 10 & 13/3 (KW). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 2 on 22/2 (PCML,JAB). Maketu; 1 on 22/2 (PCML). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; 2 on 14/3 (GAF,DSF). [M] L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 on 16/3 (IS) & 1 probable on 28/3 (JL&MM). Ahuriri E; 4 on 2/1 (JGH,CFM), 2 on 16/2 (KVT). East Clive; 2 on 10/12 (BMT).

### RED-NECKED STINT

#### *Calidris ruficollis*

[A] Sand I, Mangawhai; 3 on 29/3 (GAP). Big Sand I, Tapora; 18 on 6/12 (GNG,MKT). Walker I, Kaipara H; 1 on 6/12 (JC). Whatipu; 1 in marshy area near Cutter Rock on 27/11 (JAK). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 5 on 26/7 (DJA,PA), max 24 on 1/1, 1 on 27/6 (PA). Access Bay, Miranda; 1 on 11/9, max 8 on 23/1 (KW), 3 on 5/4 (ICS). [WK] Kawhia; 1 on 30/5 (DJR,ICS). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 1 on 7/12 (PCML). [T] Waiongana E; 2 on 15/11 (OSNZ), 3 on 16/11 (PJF). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 20/9, 1-2 on 4-21/

11, 3-5 on 28/11-15/2, 4 on 16/3-7/6, 3 on 14/6, 2 on 28/6 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 4 on 4/1 (MT,PWT). Porangahau; 6 on 30/11, 7 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen).

### [EASTERN BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER

*Limicola falcinellus sibiricus*

[SA] Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 26/1 (GAP,MW,DP), 2 on 22/3 (GAP), 1 on 18/4 (AMH).]

### EASTERN CURLEW

*Numenius madagascariensis*

[F] Rangaunu H; 1 on 23/11, 2 on 2/1 (GRP). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 3 on 18/10 (DJA *et al.*), 6 on 23/11 (DAL,AMH), 8 on 1/1 (DAL *et al.*). Kaiaua; 3 on 13/9 (BHS), 6 on 29/11 (A. Iles, per KW), 3 on 12/3 (KW). Access Bay, Miranda; 3 on 12/8 (ASR,JMR), max 7 on 5/10 (DJA), 5 on 7/2 (PA). [BP] Panepane Pt; 1 on 28/6 (L&GB). Maketu; 2 on 18/2 (EW), 1 on 22/2 (PCML). Ohiwa; 1 on 6 & 16/12 (WMH) & 22/8 (WHS). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 18/10 (IS,JL&MM) & 25/10 (T.Kastell).

### ASIATIC WHIMBREL

*Numenius phaeopus variegatus*

[F] Parengarenga H; 56 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 25 at Skull Ck & 6 at Takahiwai on 8/3 (OSNZ cen), 32 on 17/4 (KAH,GRP). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 2 on 26/7 (DJA,PA), 4 on 18/10 (DJA *et al.*). FoT; 20 on 2/11 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Kawhia H; 7 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 5 on 7/12 (PCML), 6 on 18/2 (EW) & 22/2 (PCML). [G/W] Maungawhio Lag; 6 on 22/11 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 12 & 20/10, 2 on 29/10 (PJF,BAH).

### WHIMBREL

*Numenius phaeopus*

[A] Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 6 on 6/12 (GAP). Big Sand I, Tapora; 1 on 16/11 (GNG,SPC,CJE). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 24 on 12/4 (ACR,JPB). Karekare; 1 on 4/12 (ACR). [BP] Tahunamanu Spit, Matakana I; 2 on 6/11 (DW).

### EASTERN BAR-TAILED GODWIT

*Limosa lapponica baueri*

[F] Parengarenga H; 2750 on 21-22/11. Houhora H; 800+

on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 5000 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 600+ at Portland, 2000+ at Skull Ck, 250 at Takahiwai & 300 at Marsden on 15/11, 1400 at Portland, 491 at Skull Ck, 729 at Takahiwai & 84 at Marsden on 8/3, 25 at Portland & 250 at Skull Ck on 27/6. Ruakaka E; 34 on 15/11, 23 on 8/3, 39 on 27/6. Waipu E; 133 on 15/11, 92 on 8/3. Pahi-Whakapirau; 177 on 16/11. Batly-Tanoa; 2750 on 16/11. Okaro Ck; 2550 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; winter cen 1308, summer cen 11035. Whangapoua, Great Barrier I; 24 on 12/4 (KRB *et al.*). Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 2000 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen,GAP), 2800 on 6/3 (GAP). Big Sand I, Tapora; 3125 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen,GNG,SPC,CJE). Papakanui Spit; 6000 on 31/1 (GAP,AMH). Jordan's, Kaipara H; 4500 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen,SJD,GE). Te Atatu Pen; 1300 on 30/10 (PR). Airport, Mangere; 1800 on 11/8 (HRC). [SA] Conifer Grove; 547 on 9/2 (EW). Manukau H; 9425 on 15/11, 1053 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Port Waikato; 91 on 25/1 (ASR,JMR). Clifton B, Whitford; 600+ on 9/10 (ECW,FF). FoT; 10544 on 2/11, 966 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi spit; 296 on 24/10 (MBM). [WK] Aotea H; 1500-2000 on 15/11, 101 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). Kawhia H; 4004 on 15/11, 200 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Bowentown shellbanks; 200 on 8/11, 80 on 28/6. Tuapiro; 1160 on 8/11 (BC). Matahui Pt; 2000 on 8/11 (RC), 85 on 28/6 (PCML). Omokoroa golf course; 800 on 8/11 (RC). Tahunamanu Spit, Matakana I; c.2000 on 6/1. Sulphur Pt; 3000 on 23/12 (DW), 110 on 28/6 (GH). Matapihi; 675 on 8/11, 100 on 28/6 (L&GB). Te Maunga; 400 on 8/11 (MS). Maketu; 600 on 7/12 (GH), 100 on 14/6 (PCML). Little Waihi; 188 on 7/12 (CL,JS). Ohiwa; 5000 on 16/12, 1/2 & 1/3, 320 on 15/6 (WMH,WHS). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 311 on 22/11. Maungawhio Lag; 49 on 22/11, 34 on 6/6. Whakaki Lag; max 307 on 7/2, 105 on 6/6. Wairoa E; max 285 on 13/12 (GAF). [T] Mokau E; 1 on 24/10. Mohakatino E; 1 on 6/10. Tongaporutu E; 3 on 16/10 (BAH). Waiongana E; 15 on 4/10 (PJF). [M] Turakina B; 17 on 22/10 (IS). Manawatu E; max 500+ on 18/10-2/11, min 14 on 1/6 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 307 on 22/11, 18 on 6/6. Porangahau; 238 on 30/11, 39 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen).

### [ASIATIC BLACK-TAILED GODWIT

*Limosa limosa melanurooides*

[A] Waikiri Ck, Tapora; 1 on 16/11 (GAP). [SA] Kidds, Karaka, 1 on 18/10 (AMH). Miranda, 1 on 24/3 & 19/4 (ICS).]

**[SIBERIAN TATTLER]***Tringa brevipes*

[F] Parengarenga H; 2 on 24/1 (GRP). [A] Big Sand I, Tapora; 2 on 29/3 (GNG,MKT). [SA] Matarangi; 1 on 24/10 & 22/12 (MBM). [BP] Maketu; 1 on 22/2 (PCML). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 10/10-10/4 (IS,JL&MM). Hokio B; 1 on 13/1 (P.Mallalieu,M.Sadlier).]

**[COMMON SANDPIPER]***Tringa hypoleucos*

[BP] Matata; 1 on 5/4 (JAB). Waioeka E; 1 on 5/12 (WHS). [T] Hawera SP; 1 videoed on 15/6 (AMD,BAH).]

**[GREENSHANK]***Tringa nebularia*

[A] Tauhoa; 1 on 6/12 (AMH *et al.*). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 28/2 (PA), 14/4 (DAL) & 18/4 (AMH). [G/W] Waipaoa E; 1 on 1/1 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 28/2 (PJF).]

**[MARSH SANDPIPER]***Tringa stagnatilis*

[F] Waimango Swamp; 2 on 23/1 (GRP). [SA] Conifer Grove; 1 on 5/1 (EW) & 29/1 (J.A.Brown,EW). Stilt pools, Miranda; 1 on 28/12 (ASR,JMR), 2 on 12/1 (GAF), 3 on 31/1 (DJA,PA), 5 on 1/3 (PA), 6 on 5/4 (ICS), 8 on 5/5 (SC), 4 on 19/6 (BRK). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 1 on 18/2 (EW), 2 on 22/2 (PCML,JAB). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 22/12 (PJF), 28/2 (PJF,DGM).]

**TEREK SANDPIPER***Tringa terek*

[SA] Conifer Grove; 1 on 6/1 (EW). Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 18/10 (AMH *et al.*) to 28/2 (PA). Miranda; 1 on 2/11 (CFMcR,JH), 2 on 17/12 (KW), 3 on 12/1 (GAF), 4 on 12/4 (BAW), 2 on 19/4 (ICS).

**BROWN SKUA***Catharacta skua lonnbergi*

[BP] Ohope; 1 (1350g) ashore on 30/8, released (1660g) on 5/9 (WBR). [M] Foxton B; 1 passing nth on 26/12 (JL&MM).

**ARCTIC SKUA***Stercorarius parasiticus*

[A] 3 nm nth of Tiritiri Matangi I; 3 harassing white-fronted terns on 17/7 (LMA). [SA] Miranda; 5 off Access Bay on 18/12 (R Mavor, per KW). [WK] Ruapuke; 1 on 25/3 (HJC). [BP] Off Whale I; 1 pale-phased being chased by black-backed gulls on 13/12 (PCML). [G/W] Pukenui B; 1 chasing terns then chased dog on 17/1 (GAF). [M] Manaroa B; 1 offshore on 24/1. Foxton B, offshore; 8 on 27/3 (IS), 11 on 29/3 (JL&MM), 4 on 29/4 (IS), 1 on 2/5 (JL&MM). [W] Waikanae E; 1 imm light morph with barred sides and tail coverts, a primary moult gap c.7th from outermost, c.8cm long pointed central tail feathers, chased white-fronted & 1 imm Caspian tern on 9/11, 1 dark plumaged with pale nape, with 5-10cm pointed central tail feathers chasing red-billed gulls and white-fronted terns on 5/4. Cook St; 1 light morph on 23/1 (AT).

**POMARINE SKUA***Stercorarius pomarinus*

[W] Waikanae E; 1 light morph with short, rounded central tail feathers chasing red-billed gulls on 28/2 (AT).]

**SKUA***Stercorarius sp.*

[W] Waikanae E; 12 offshore on 7/2 (AT).

**SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL***Larus dominicanus*

[F] Rangaunu H; 110 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H, all roosts; 287 on 8/3, 153 on 27/6. Takahiwai; 36 nesting on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Rat I, Kaipara H; 72 ads, 1 2-egg nest & 20 empty nests on 17/10 (GAP *et al.*). Motutara I; 12 active nests on 11/12 (LMA,ESK). Muriwai; 7 active nests on 18/10 (MG). Motuihe I; 6 active nests on 15/12. Crusoe I; 16 active nests & 17 chs on 10/12. Browns I; 1 3-egg nest on 5/12. Okahu Bay; 1 active nest on 5/12 (LMA,ESK). Te Kawau Bay, Ponui I; 1 active nest on 30/11 (LMA). [SA] Manukau H; 207 on 15/11, 281 on 27/6. FoT; 510 on 2/11, 448 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Raglan North - Te Hara Pt; 69 & 61 juvs, 36 around 10 m long sperm whale on 23/1 (ASR, JMR). Kawhia H; 197, 10 nests Oparau & Ellis Pt, 40 nesting OpeOpe Rocks on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). Albatross Pt; 38 & 16 juvs in loose colony over 1 km of

coastline on 22/12 (HJC,ASR,JMR). [BP] Matakana I; c.2000 on 19/12 (DW). Panepane Pt; 205 on 28/6 (L&GB). Ohope B; 150 at west end on 17/6 (RMW). [HB] Ahuriri E; 221 on 22/11, 280 on 6/6. Waitangi E; 400 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Onoke Spit; 100+ on 7/11 (CES).

### **RED-BILLED GULL**

*Larus novaehollandiae*

[F] Parengarenga H; 135+ on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 333 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 200 at Port Whangarei, 26 nesting at Portland & c.100 nesting at Skull Ck on 15/11, 213 on 8/3, 141 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Papakanui Spit; 1 1-egg nest on 6/12 (AMH). Sth Kaipara H; 70 on 28/6 (ACR, OSNZ cen). Great Barrier I; 20 active nests, some chs on Opakau I on 31/12, 50 active nests on Kaitoke B Islet on 20/11. Goat I; 20 active nests on 14/1. Martello Rock, Kawau I; 12 active nests & 4 downy chs on 28/11 (ESK). Motutara I; c.200 active nests on 11/12 (LMA,ESK). Tiritiri Matangi I; 89 & 29 active nests on 23/11 (SPC). Okahu Bay; 259 active nests & 36 chs on 5/12 (LMA,ESK). Koi I, Waiheke I; c.80 active nests on 7/12 (ESK). Te Kawau Bay, Ponui I; 13 active nests on 30/11 (LMA). [SA] Manukau H; 266 on 15/11, 1268 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). FoT; 121 on 2/11, 2272 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi spit; 102 on 5/4 (MBM). [WK] Raglan Ocean B; 100-110 on 20/3 (CC). Kawhia H; 78 & 17 empty nests on Te Motu sandbank, 18 nests on Morrison's Roost on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] White I; c.100 breeding near gannet colony on 13/12. Matahui Pt; c.100 on 28/6 (PCML). Sulphur Pt; 60 prs nesting on reclamation on 23/12 (DW). Kaituna Cut; c.100 on 14/6 (PCML). Tern I, Ohiwa; 50 prs nesting on 16/12 (WMH). Whangaparaoa; 152 on 16/12 (DOC). [Wr] Castlepoint reef; 100+ on 2/12 (CES).

### **BLACK-BILLED GULL**

*Larus bulleri*

[A] Tapora; 8 on 28/6 (ACR, OSNZ cen). Papakanui Spit; 24 & 12 active nests on 1/1 (GAP,DAW). Sth Kaipara H; 36 on 16/11, 5 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). [SA] Conifer Grove; 29 incl 18 juvs on 26/1 (EW). Wattle Downs ponds; 11 on 30/5. Kidds, Karaka; 30 on 9/8 (AMH). Manukau H; 121 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). Mataitai; 68 on 26/7 (AMH). Access Bay, Miranda; 178 on 11/9, 207 on 15/9 (KW), 218 nests on 25/11 (AMH). FoT; 286 on 2/

11, 260 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; c.150 on 28/6. Kaituna Cut; 1 on 22/2 (PCML). Tern I, Ohiwa; 66 nesting on 16/12, 60 ads & 37 chs on 1/2 (WMH). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 414 on 14/3 (GAF,DSF). Wairoa E; 45 prs nesting on 30/11, eggs & chs on 13/12, colony deserted on 18/1 (GAF). [HB] Waitangi E; 400-500 in nesting colony on 7/12 (MT,PWT). Porangahau; 73 on 30/11, 39 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Waiohine & Ruamahanga riverbeds; nesting in early Oct (TCD). [M] Feilding SP; 1 on 10/1 was the only inland record for the region (IS). Manawatu E; max c.90 on 13/6 (JL&MM).

### **WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN**

*Chlidonias leucopterus*

[SA] Kidds, Karaka; 1 on 28/2 (PA), 1/3 (AMH), 14/4 (DAL), 18/4 (AMH). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 19/10 (PJF,WAP). [HB] Ahuriri E; 2 on 13/12, 5 incl 1 in full breeding plumage on 2/1 (JGH,CFM), up to 3 from Jan-Mar (MT,PWT), 2 on 31/3 (KVT).]

### **GULL-BILLED TERN**

*Gelochelidon nilotica*

[A] Waiwera SP; 1 on 17/1 (L.F.Underhill). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen).]

### **BLACK-FRONTED TERN**

*Sterna albostriata*

[BP] Matahui Pt; 1 on 21/3 (BC). Tarawera RM; 1 on 27/7 (PCML). Rangitaiki RM; 6 incl 2 juvs on 10/7 (JAB), 7 on 25/7 (RMW), 6 on 10/8, 11 on 24/5 (JAB), 12 on 12/6 (WMH) & 17/6 (JAB,RMW). [T] Pungaereere E; 2 on 26/4 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 1/2&25/4 (JL&MM). [HB] Waitangi E; c.36 on 5/7 (MT,PWT), 2 on 1/6 (KVT), 7 on 27/6 (MT,PWT). Numbers much lower than usual for the past 2 winters (MT). [Wr] Riversdale B; 2 on 6/6 (BW). L Ferry; 1 on 5/11 (DS). [W] Waikanae E; 1 imm on 8/2. Cook St; 1 on 9/8, 6 on 10/4, 2 on 29/5 (AT).

### **CASPIAN TERN**

*Sterna caspia*

[F] Parengarenga H; 16 on 21-22/11. Rangaunu H; 180 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 106 nesting at Skull Ck on 15/11, 10 on northern shore on 8/3 & 27/

6 (OSNZ cen). Waipu E; max 22 on 14/10 (CLB,AVW). Okaro Ck; 47 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Tapora; 59 on 16/11, 22 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Papakanui Spit; 200 on 16/11, 27 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Rat I, Kaipara H; 150 on 16/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 170 active nests with eggs & feathering chs on 7/12 (GAP,AMH). Sth Kaipara H; 6 on 16/11, 97 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Motutara I; 1 active nest on 11/12. Browns I; 2 newly hatched chs in 1 nest on 5/12 (LMA,ESK). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 25 on 9/8 (AMH). Manukau H; 31 on 15/11, 77 on 27/6 (OSNZ cen). Port Waikato, Sand I; 74 ads & 20 chs on 15/11 (AMH), 200 ads & 80 juvs on 7/12 (DAL,DJA,PA). Mataitai; 63 on 26/7 (AMH). Miranda; 77 on 1/6 (AMH). FoT; 21 on 2/11, 70 on 12/6 (OSNZ cen). [WK] Waikorea B; 5 & 2 juvs on 31/1 (BAW). Raglan H; 5 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Ruapuke; 9 on 20/11 (ASR,JMR). Aotea H; 10 on 15/11, 29 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). Kawhia H; 64 & 22 nests on Te Motu sandbank on 15/11, 25 on 28/6 (OSNZ cen). Taharoa; 6 on 24/11 (HJC,CC,ASR,JMR). [BP] Bowentown shellbanks; 95 on 8/11 (BC). Matakana I; 20 incl 1 nesting pr on Tahunamanu Spit on 19/12 (DW). Omokoroa golf course; 22 on 28/6 (PCML). Sulphur Pt; 26 on 28/6 (GH). Tarawera RM; 6 on 27/7 (PCML). Ohiwa; 20 on 22/8 (WHS), 2 prs nesting on Tern I on 16/12, 1 pr with 2 chs on 1/2 (WMH). Motu RM; 1 pr with 2 chs on 16/12 (DOC). [G/W] Portland I; 4 prs nesting on 22/11 (GAF). Whakaki Lag; max 38 on 12/4 (GAF,DSF). [T] Waiongana E; 5 on 3/7 (PJF). [M] SH1 near Marton; 1 on 30/5. Ohakea airfield; 1 on 1/7&18/6 (IS). Manawatu E; max 28 on 2/5 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 16 on 27/4 (MT,PWT). Waitangi E; 21 on 30/6 (KVT). Porangahau; 40 on 30/11, 6 on 7/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Onoke Spit; 50 on 9/12 (CES).

## WHITE-FRONTED TERN

### *Sterna striata*

[F] Kaipowairua; 49 roosting & 1000+ feeding on 22/11 (CLB,WP,JSn,PRS). Rangaunu H; 1750 on 21-22/11 (OSNZ cen). Walker I, Rangaunu H; 876 prs on 23/11, 500+ chs on 2/1 (GRP). [N] Whangarei H, northern shore; 55 on 8/3. Waipu E; 191 on 8/3. Tinopai; 68 on 16/11. Okaro Ck; 54 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mokohinau Is; 1 pr with fledgling on 11/1. Lot's Wife, Little Barrier I; 42 & 2 active nests on 4/1. Goat I; 60 ads, 5 chs & 20 active nests on 14/1 (ESK). Tapora; 151 on 16/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 380 active nests on 7/12 (GAP,AMH). Papakanui Spit; 200 on 16/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen), c.800

active nests on 12/12 (GAP,AMH). Sth Kaipara H; 22 on 16/11, 139 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Great Barrier I; 47 active nests & 9 chs on Opakau I on 31/12, 27 active nests at Cape Barrier on 3/1 (ESK). Motutara I; 6 active nests on 11/12 (LMA,ESK). Muriwai; 84 active nests at mainland gannet colony, c.100 active nests on islet on 2/12 (JVD). Horuhoru Rock; 71 active nests on 27/12 (LMA). David Rocks; 82 active nests on 24/12 (ESK). Motuihe I; 11 active nests on 11/12. Crusoe I; 176 active nests on 10/12. Okahu Bay; 84 active nests, 5 new chs on 5/12 (LMA,ESK). Koi I; Waiheke I; 21 active nests on 7/12 (ESK). Halfmoon Bay marina; 20 active nests, 5 chs on 4/12 (LMA,ESK). Te Kawau Bay, Ponui I; 57 active nests on 30/11 (LMA). [SA] Sunset B, Port Waikato; 800 on 21/6. Miranda; 600 nesting on 25/11 (AMH), 1288 prs on 14/12 (AMH,DAL). FoT; 824 on 2/11, 91 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Matarangi spit; 293 on 5/4 (MBM). [WK] Woody Head, Raglan; c.150 on cliff ledges, no nests seen, 2 prs courtship feeding on 20/11; 6 on 9/1, no sign of breeding having taken place (ASR,JMR). Albatross Pt; 457 on colony, 413 occupied nests on 22/12 (ASR,JMR). Taharoa; no terns on cliffs, 24/11, 9/12, 7/1 (ASR,JMR), c.120 on 13/5 (ABC,FEB). [BP] White I & Volkner Rocks; c.600 feeding & roosting but few if any nesting on 13/12 (PCML). Sulphur Pt; c.100 prs nesting on 14&22/12 (DW). Kaituna Cut; c.200 on 24/7 (EW). Maketu; 80 on 22/2 (PCML). Rangitaiki RM; 210 on 12/6. Tern I, Ohiwa; 15 prs nesting on 16/12 (WMH). Motu RM; c.600 birds nesting on 16&22/12 (DOC,WHS). Whangaparaoa; 160 on 16/12 (DOC). [G/W] Uawa RM; 90 roosting on 28/2 (AJB). Muriwai Lag spit; 292 on 22/11. Wairoa E; c.1400 prs on eggs on 1/12, colony deserted on 18/1 (GAF). [T] Tongaporutu stacks; 12 nests on 2/2. Sugar Loaf Is; 129 nests on 15/1. Patea stack; c.110 ads & 56 nests on 28/1 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; max 800-1000 on 27-29/3 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Waitangi E; c.1000 in nesting colony on 24/10 (JGH,CFM). Porangahau; c.400 in nesting colony on 30/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Castlepoint reef; 5-600 on 2/12 (CES). Onoke; 200 on 14/12 (CES). [W] Waikanae E; 1500-2000 on 7/2 (AT).

## FAIRY TERN

### *Sterna nereis*

[N] Waipu E; 3 on 1/9, 2 on 14/10, 2 on 3/11, 2 on 17/4 (CLB,AVW), 2 prs nested, 1 pr fledged 2 chs (KAH,GRP). [A] Mangawhai Spit; 5 on 21/9 (GAP *et al.*), 3 prs nested, each fledged 2 chs (LH,GRP). Te Arai canal; 2 on 5/10

(SJT,RM), 12/10 (JT,BT), 1 carrying fish on 7/10 (JED,SPC). Papakanui Spit; 1 2-egg nest on 2/11, earliest nest in recent years (DAW), 4 on 16/11, 2 on 28/6. Walker I, Kaipara H; 1 on 28/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen).

### EASTERN LITTLE TERN

*Sterna albifrons sinensis*

[F] Parengarenga H; 1 on 22/11. Rangaunu H; 18 on 23/11 (GRP). [A] Tauhoa; 9 on 16/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen). [SA] Kidds, Karaka; 8 on 1/1 (DJA) & 8/2 (DAL,AMH), 4 on 22/3 (GAP), 1 on 27/6 (PA). Port Waikato; 1 on 8/11 c.2 km up river (AMH). Manukau H; 6 on 15/11 (OSNZ cen). Miranda; 1 on 12/8 (ASR,JMR), 2 on 25/9 (KW,BRK), 5 on 18/12 (R. Mavor, per KW), 3 on 3/5 (ICS). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 23/10 (IS).

### [CRESTED TERN

*Sterna bergii*

[T] Waitara RM; 1 juv on 21/9 (AT,GAT). Sugar Loaf Is; 1 on 25/9 (BAH);]

### [EASTERN COMMON TERN

*Sterna hirundo longipennis*

[W] Waikanae E; 1 in non-breeding plumage on 5/4 (AT).]

### [GREY TERNLET

*Procelsterna cerulea*

[N] Sugarloaf Rock; 7 on 8/2 (GRP). [BP] Volkner Rocks; c.50 old nests, 10 corpses & some addled eggs found on west stack on 10/3/93 (KO), 2-4 feeding nearby amongst short-tailed shearwaters and white-fronted terns on 13/12 (PCML). [G/W] Tolaga Bay 14 nm offshore; 1 flying nth on 14/2 (GAF).]

### [WHITE TERN

*Gygis alba*

[WK] Taupiri; 1 found in farm paddock on 1/5, delivered to Hamilton Zoo, where it died (per HJC).]

### NEW ZEALAND PIGEON

*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

[WK] Kakepuku; 7 on 1/3 (LWEH). [BP] No. 3 Road, Te Puke; seen throughout year except Jan & Feb, max 10 on 18/7, feeding on guavas, later fed on holly & *Idesia* berries (PCML). Rangiuru School; 6 in kowhai on 14/11 (RL). Braemar Rd, Kawerau; 10 on 10/5 (JAB). [HB] Tangoio/White Pine Bush; 17 on 5/10 (KVT). Blowhard Bush; 6 on 13/4 (TAS).

### ROCK PIGEON

*Columba livia*

[G/W] Kaiaua Bay; 19 on cliffs on 28/2 (AJB).

### BARBARY DOVE

*Streptopelia roseogrisea*

[N] Taurikura; c.6 in Nov-Jan roosting singly or in prs in pohutukawas (PJA). [M] Halcombe; 1 on 6&8/12 & 4/2 (IS). [HB] Clifton; 4 feeding in chicory field on 6/12 (BMT).

### SPOTTED DOVE

*Streptopelia chinensis*

[SA] Pukekohe; 1 passing through, calling on 26/1 (DAL). [BP] Kukumoa, Opotiki; several almost daily, max 6 (WHS).

### GALAH

*Cacatua roseicapilla*

[SA] Bell Rd, Mangatawhiri; 17 on 18/6 (WNCP).

### SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO

*Cacatua galerita*

[A] Waitakere Ranges; 10 at Cascade Park on 30/9 (M&SG), 8 at Waiatarua on 8/10 (ACR). Whitford; 4 on 6/7 (MNC). [SA] Workman Rd, Mangatawhiri; 6 on 31/1 (DAL). [WK] Waikaretu V; 22 eating thistle seeds on 14/12 (ASR *et al.*). [BP] Rangiuru School; 24 on 13/5, 4 seen, more heard on 12/6 (RL). [M] Totara Res; 1 + 2 heard on 22/12, 1 + 3 heard on 21/2. Marton Res; 4 on 10/5 (IS).

**NORTH ISLAND KAKA***Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis*

[FN] Takahue; 1 eating seed from pines on 26/10, present for past 6 months (Heath Jones per AJG). [N] Bream Head SR; 3 on 15/12 (PJA). [A] Northcote; 1 on 19/4 (MPG). Cornwall Park; 2 on 27/9 (KAP), 1 on 18/3 (MJT). Orere Pt; 1 on 15/5 (AWB). [SA] Awhitu; 2 flying at Hamilton's Rd on 1/8, 1 present throughout Aug (VMR), 2 at Ponsford Rd in mid Nov (G.Oldfield per DAL). Whitford; 1 in May (SF). Ardmore filter station; 1 in mid Nov (DAL). Miranda orchards; 1 on 17/9 (KW). [WK] Whatawhata-Orini Rd; 4 in totara on 27/8/98, 2 on 6/9/98 (PC,BHS). Pokuru, near Te Awamutu; 2 in early July feeding on *Paulownia* (LWEH). Northwest of Waihora Lag; 2 on 14/6 (PdM). Pureora; 3 at campground on 20/9, 2 at forest tower on 2/11 (PC). [BP] No. 1 Road, Te Puke; 2 feeding in walnut trees in early Jun (per PCML). [VP] Sanctuary Track, Minginui Forest; 2 + 6 heard on 5/5 (AJB). [G/W] Muriwai; 1 feeding in apple orchard on 14/6 (JGH). L Waikareiti; 2 by track on 16/5 (GAF,DSF). [T] New Plymouth; 2 on 28/9, 2 on 8/10, 1 on 18/1 (DGM,BAH). [M] Feilding; 1 on 9/8 (IS).

**EASTERN ROSELLA***Platycercus eximius*

[A] Kauwahaia I, Te Henga; 2 on 2/9 (AT). [BP] Belk Rd Sth, Ohauiti; 2 on 27/10. Te Puke area; increasing. Papamoa; 3 in observer's garden on 19/3, 1st for area (PCML). [VP] Ruatahuna Rd, Rotoehu; 1 on 7/12 (RMW). [T] Mokau E; 2 on 14/12, 20/5 (DGM,BAH). Mohakatino V; 2 on 12/7 (PJF). Waitaanga SF; 2 on 17/5 (OSNZ). Oxford Rd, Okato; 8 on 28/10 (WBM). [M] L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 on 31/8 (JL&MM).

**RED-CROWNED PARAKEET***Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*

[N] Bream Head SR; 1 heard on 23/12 (PJA). [A] Shakespear RP; 1 on 29/6 (MV). Whau R; 2 on 27/10 (ADG). [VP] Sanctuary Track, Minginui Forest; 1 + 5 heard on 5/5 (AJB).

**YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET***Cyanoramphus auriceps*

[WK] Northwest of Waihora Lag; 1 on 14/6 (PdM).

Pureora; 5 at campsite on 20/9, 2 at forest tower on 2/11, 1 on 28/6 (PC).

**PARAKEET***Cyanoramphus sp.*

[VP] L Okataina; heard on 5-6/2 (BHS). [G/W] L Waikareiti; 1 flock by track on 16/5 (GAF,DSF).

**SHINING CUCKOO***Chrysococcyx lucidus*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; 1st call on 22/9 (DM). [N] Titoki; 1st call on 20/9 (BY). [SA] Awhitu; 1st call on 17/9 (VMR). [BP] Papamoa; 1 (exhausted?) perched on fence allowed itself to be touched on 23/10, 2 on 21/11 called up by observer, 1 then flew round his head, 1 sub-ad in observer's garden on 17/3 (PCML). [T] Mokau R; 1st noted on 21/9 (BAH,DGM).

**LONG-TAILED CUCKOO***Eudynamys taitensis*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; 1 from 27/2 to 7/3 following unusually cold weather, noisy, usually stay only 1 day (AJG). [BP] Washer Place, Te Puke; 1 in Apr (per PCML).

**MOREPORK***Ninox novaeseelandiae*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; 1 attempting to catch 8-week old guinea fowl as they flew to roost in totaras on 8/5 (AJG). [N] Kamo; 1 perched on tv aerial at 2030 hrs on 26/3 (PRS). [WK] Mapara; 1 ate 6 puriri moths on 1/11 (PC). Whakamaru; 1 in May-June attacking budgerigars in aviary, wounding 1 through wire (PO).

**FORK-TAILED SWIFT***Apus pacificus*

[FN] Three Kings Is; 1 in evening on Sth West I on 26/11 (GRP,PJA,F.Brook), 1 at Great I on 29/11 (RJP).]

**KOOKABURRA***Dacelo novaeguineae*

[A] Torbay; 1 on 31/8, 1 on 24/11 (WMT). [G/W] Gisborne; 1 in garden on 23/3 (I.Cook per GAF).]

## NEW ZEALAND KINGFISHER

*Halcyon sancta vagans*

[BP] Inner Rd, Matata-Edgcumbe; 11 on powerlines on 21/6. Ohiwa H; 5 on gunwale of rowing boat catching small crabs, bashing them on rock & returning to boat to eat on 5/5 (RMW). Whakatane; 1 caught by cat on 17/8 (WBR). [HB] Ahuriri E; 38 on 6/6 (OSNZ cen).

## NORTH ISLAND RIFLEMAN

*Acanthisitta chloris granti*

[G/W] L Waikareiti; 1 seen, more heard by track on 16/5 (GAF,DSF). [T] Kaitake Range; 1 on 6/7 (PJF). Pouakai Range; 2 ads & 2 juvs on 31/8 (WAP). Bell's Falls, Mt Taranaki; 2 on 25/4 (IHD).

## WELCOME SWALLOW

*Hirundo tahitica*

[G/W] Kaiaua Bay B; 60 at dusk on 27/2 (AJB). Whakaki Lag; c.1000 feeding over dry flats on 28/3 (GAF).

## AUSTRALIAN TREE MARTIN

*Hirundo nigricans*

[WK] Raglan B; 1 flying with 1 welcome swallow on 4/12 (PC).]

## FAIRY MARTIN

*Hirundo ariel*

[Wr] Greytown; 1 on 1/7 (AP).]

## NEW ZEALAND PIPIT

*Anthus novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*

[BP] Papamoa; 1-2 all year in field behind observer's house, influx in Apr-May, max c.10 on 6/4 (PCML). Whitikau V; pr + 4 full grown chs, 1 ad, 1 newly independent juv on 26/2 (AJB).

## RED-VENTED BULBUL

*Pycnonotus cafer*

[A] Three Kings, Auckland; 1 on 8/10, unconfirmed (Ted Wnorowski).]

## HEDGE SPARROW

*Prunella modularis*

[N] Onerahi; 1st song on 24/7 & 4/6 (PJA). [SA] Pukekohe; 1st song on 20/7 (AMH). [BP] Papamoa & No. 3 Road Te Puke; formerly common, now completely absent. (PCML).

## BLACKBIRD

*Turdus merula*

[N] Onerahi; 1st full song on 29/7 (PJA). [WK] Hamilton East; 1st song on 6/8 (PC).

## SONG THRUSH

*Turdus philomelos*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; 1 eating chicken pellets, first from lawn, then from hopper (AJG). [N] Onerahi; part song on 23-26/4, 1st full song on 28/4 (PJA).

## NORTH ISLAND FERNBIRD

*Bowdleria punctata vealeae*

[FN] Kaipohue, Parengarenga; 1 on 22/1 (CLB,JSn). Nth side, Mangonui H; 1 heard on 4/10 (AJG). [A] Straka's Refuge; present on 17/11 (JLK). [BP] Ohiwa H; 1 on 17/4 (WHS). Mt Edgecumbe; 2 on 7/9 (AJB). [VP] Taahau F Flat, Whirinaki F; 11 heard calling at dusk in *Dracophyllum* on 5/5 (AJB). [T] Mokau E; 7 on 23/7, 12 on 23/8, 5 on 21/4 (BAH,DGM). Kiwi Rd, Okau; 2 on 4/9 (OSNZ). Kaka Rd, Okoki; 2 on 9/10, 1/6 (BAH,PJF). L Rotokare; 1 on 9/10 (BAH). [M] L Omanu, near Otaki; 1 on 27/10, 1 heard on 17/12 (IS). [HB] Kereru Gorge; 1 on 2/5 (JGH).

## WHITEHEAD

*Mohoua albicilla*

[BP] Belk Rd Sth, Omanawa; 4+ in pines at edge of kiwifruit orchard on 27/10 (PCML). [VP] Sanctuary Track, Minginui Forest; 19 seen/heard at 0700-0800 hrs on 5/5 (AJB). [T] Egmont NP; max 15 in Jun (WAP).

## GREY WARBLER

*Gerygone igata*

[WK] Kakepuku; 21 in 10x5 min counts on 17/10 (PC).

**NORTH ISLAND FANTAIL***Rhipidura fuliginosa placabilis*

[WK] Kakepuku; 6 in 10x5 min counts on 17/10 (PC). [VP] Tokaanu Stm; 100+ feeding on large no. of insects over stm & up hillside on 3/6 (ASR,JMR).

**NORTH ISLAND TOMTIT***Petroica macrocephala toitoi*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; high numbers (DM). [N] Bream Head SR; monitoring shows species increasing (PJA). [WK] Karioi; 3 in 7x5 min counts near summit on 2/1 (PC). Te Tapui Res; common on top third of track on 15/9 (BHS). Kakepuku; 2 near summit in 10x5 min counts on 17/10 (PC). [BP] Whitikau V; 1 male, 1 female called up with "Audubon Squeaker" on 5/5 (WHS). [VP] Sanctuary Track, Minginui F; 2 + 8 heard at 0700-0800 hours on 5/5 (AJB). [G/W] L Waikareiti; 2 prs & 10 males by track on 16-17/5 (GAF,DSF).

**NORTH ISLAND ROBIN***Petroica australis longipes*

[BP] Tarawera R, Kawerau; 2 in scrubby second growth bush on 15/2 (JAB). [VP] Sanctuary track, Minginui F; 7 + 5 heard at 0700-0800 hrs on 5/5, 1 in Douglas firs on bank of Mangamate Stm on 5/5. Taahu Forest Flat, Whirinaki; 3 in Douglas firs on 6/5 (AJB). [G/W] L Waikareiti; 2 at campsite on 16-17/5 (GAF,DSF).

**SILVEREYE***Zosterops lateralis*

[BP] Waiotahi V; 1 very yellow bird in flock of normal ones in May, plumage usually green was yellow, other colours normal or ?paler (NO,WHS).

**BELLBIRD***Anthonis melanura*

[N] Bream Head SR; 2 feeding on pohutukawa flowers on 15&16/12 (PJA). Whananaki-Bream Trail; numerous sightings in Feb & Mar (GRP). [A] Shakespear RP; 3 on 20/1 (JLK). [WK] Kakepuku; 11 in 10x5 min counts on 4/3 (PC). [BP] No.3 Rd Te Puke; present every month except Nov-Dec, feeding in yellow *Albizia* & bottlebrush in Jul-Sept (PCML). [VP] Sanctuary Track,

Minginui Forest; 2 + 8 heard at 0700-0800 hrs on 5/5 (AJB). [Wr] Masterton; 1 in *Fuchsia* on 8/9 (MK).

**TUI***Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; 1 singing at 2020 hrs on 11/10 (AJG). [N] Kamo; 20+ at any time feeding in Taiwanese cherry trees, max 40 in Jul & Aug (PRS). Whangarei; up to 10 feeding daily in *Pouteria sapota* & *Eucalyptus* in Jul & Aug, excellent flowering season (GRP). [SA] Manukau Heads; 14 at signal station on 1/7 (SR). [WK] Bryant Home Bush, Raglan; c.12 feeding on kowhai on 15/9 (ASR,JMR,PC). [Wr] Masterton; 14 in 1 eucalypt on 10/9 (MK). Greymouth; feeding on oak flowers on 15/10 (DS).

**YELLOWHAMMER***Emberiza citrinella*

[Wr] Greymouth; very plentiful on 7/11 (M.Wong).

**CHAFFINCH***Fringilla coelebs*

[N] Onerahi; 1st song on 3/7 (PJA).

**GREENFINCH***Carduelis chloris*

[G/W] Tolaga Bay; flock of 200 on newly harvested corn field on 28/2 (AJB).

**GOLDFINCH***Carduelis carduelis*

[BP] Gow Rd, Edgecumbe; 2 charms of 100+ feeding on dandelion heads on 17/6 (RMW).

**REDPOLL***Carduelis flammea*

[WK] Cambridge; 1 female in Jul (MRD). Leamington; 3 males & 2 females on 9/10 (MRD). Kakepuku; 1 in 10x5 min counts on 17/10 (PC). Ngaroto; 4 on 20/7 (PC,TAB). Many more than usual in settled areas (DJR). [BP] Kukumoa, Opotiki; flock of c.300 on 21/7 (WHS). [Wr] Opurua Floodway; large flock on 20/9 (CCl).

### HOUSE SPARROW

*Passer domesticus*

[WK] Hamilton; 1, light coffee colour, faint markings, orange legs & bill in Mar (BAF). [VP] L Okataina; 1 caught bee in mid-air on 5 or 6/2 (BHS).

### STARLING

*Sturnus vulgaris*

[Wr] Te Ore Ore; 20,000+ on 30/6 (BW).

### COMMON MYNA

*Acridotheres tristis*

[Wr] Mt Bruce; 1 on 13/5 (K'OB). Te Ore Ore; 2 on 30/6 (BW).

### NORTH ISLAND KOKAKO

*Callaeas cinerea wilsoni*

[WK] Waimanoa, Pureora; 1 on 15/12 (PC).

### AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE

*Gymnorhina tibicen*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; flock of 11 on 8/2 (Pat Read), last heard on 27/2, new to locality (AJG). [N] Anzac Park, Whangarei; 1 caught & ate monarch butterfly in May (JSn). [VP] Sanctuary Track, Minginui Forest; 2 in gap in tall podocarp forest at 0700-0800 hrs on 5/5 (AJB).

### ROOK

*Corvus frugilegus*

[A] Glendowie, Auckland; 1 on 14/8, 15/10 & 1/6 (ESK). [G/W] Raupunga; c.50 in paddock on 28/6. Waikare B; 19 on 28/6 (GAF). [Wr] Te Ore Ore; 3 on 10/12 (MK), large increase nth & east of Masterton (CES).

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