

CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES, NORTH ISLAND, 1 JULY 1999 TO 30 JUNE 2000

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Abbreviations: ad/s adult/s; asl above sea level; B Beach; BoI Bay of Islands; BP Bay of Plenty; CA Conservation Area; c/b colour banded; C Cape; cen census; ch/s chick/s; Ck Creek; DoC Dept. of Conservation; E Estuary; ER Ecological Reserve; F Forest; FP Forest Park; FoT Firth of Thames; GC Golf Course; H Harbour; hrs hours; HQ Head Quarters; imm/s immature/s; incl. including; I/s Island/s; juv/s juvenile/s; km/s kilometre/s; Lag Lagoon; L Lake; max maximum; min minimum; ml/s mile/s; Mt Mount; NP National Park; No/s. number/s; nth north; pr/s pair/s; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; RBC Rare Birds Committee; Rd Road; Res Reserve; R River; RM River mouth; RP regional park; sth south; sp species; SP sewage ponds/oxidation ponds; SR Scenic Reserve; Stm Stream; V Valley; W West.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST

North I brown kiwi *Apteryx australis mantelli*

[BP] Amokura area, Opotiki; large bird brought in injured 1/9, released 20/9 (WHS). [VP] Waimarino F, Raetihi: 61 recorded (23 prs, 11 males, 4 females) 28/2-26/3 (KO). [G/W] Ruapani, Urewera NP; 1 male calling on 17/10 (GAF). [T] Egmont NP; 1 female & possibly 3 males responded to tape on 10/7 (W&RMM). Aotuhia; 2 on 9/12, nesting (JH).

NZ dabchick *Poliiocephalus rufopectus*

[N] L Ora, Kamo; 2 on 13/1 (PRS et al). L Mokeno, Pouto; 23 on 4/3. L Whakaneke, Pouto; 5 + 2 chs on 4/3 (GR&KMH). [A] Straka's Refuge; 7 on 23/7 (GAPRC). L Pupuke, Takapuna; 1 on 10/5 (DAP). [Wk] L Whangape; 4 on 13/5 & present for 4 weeks in Tikotiko arm (DAL). Raglan SP; 1 on 7/7 (A&TS,AL&WLR), 3 on 5/5 (BHS). Whatawhata; 2 in early March (PDC). Whitehall; 2 on farm dam on 15/8 & 24/9, nested successfully last year (TBST). L Karapiro; 15 on 28/3. L Ohakuri; 7 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). L Taharoa; 3 on 20/6 (AS&JMR). L Maraetai; 2 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 2 on 18/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [BP] Awaiti Wetlands, Matata; 2 on 14/12. L Tamurenu, Onepe; 9 on 11/7 (JAB). [VP] Raetihi SP; 9 on 30/6 (KO). [G/W] Aniwanuiwa, L Waikaremoana; 4 on 21/5. Whakaki Lag; max 27 on 5/9 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 18/10 (PLF,BAH). Kent Rd; 1 on 23/5 (WAP,BAH). Komene Dune L; 1 on 1/8 & 23/2 (BAH). [M] Wylies Rd L; 6 on 26/3 (IS). L Omaunu; nos. down, max 13 on 31/10 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 26 on Westshore Ponds on 11/7, 32 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). L Hurimoana; 38 on 27/2 (OSNZ). [Wr] Turners Lag, Featherston; 17 on 10/7 (JL).

Southern royal albatross *Diomedea epomophora epomophora*
[HB] Pania Reef; 1 on 14/1 (BMS).

Black-browed mollymawk *Diomedea melanophrys*

[BP] BP waters; 1 imm on 10 & 11/7 near Mayor I; 3 imms & 1 ad of *melanophrys* race on 30/7 feeding on offal near Pudney Rock, & another near Pudney Rock on 24/9 & one near astrolobe Reef on 6/8 (JEH).

NZ white-capped mollymawk *Diomedea cauta steadi*

[T] Waiongana E; 4 offshore on 17/9, 2 on 28/9, 7 on 30/9 & 5 on 3/10 (PJF). Komene Rd; 4 offshore on 14/6. Stony R; 2 offshore on 4/7. Oaonui Dunes; 1 offshore on 31/7 & 17/10 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; 1 passing sth on 12/9 (JL&MM).

Salvin's mollymawk *Diomedea cauta salvini*

[BP] Off Pudney Rock; 1 probably this race on 30/7 (JEH).

Yellow-nosed mollymawk *Diomedea chlororhynchos*

[BP] Off Motiti I; 1 ad on 23/7 feeding on offal (JEH).

Buller's mollymawk *Diomedea bulleri*

[Wr] L Ferry; 1 on 10/8 (DS).

Light-mantled sooty albatross *Phoebastria palpebrata*

[Wk] Te Kawa; 1 imm on 30/5, released on 2/6 (HJC).

Flesh-footed shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*

[T] Sugar Loaf Is; 10+ on 8/1 (BAH).

Buller's shearwater *Puffinus bulleri*

[G/W] Portland I; 100s passing close to island on 24-28/12 (GAF). [T] Sugar Loaf Is; 10+ on 4/3. Oakura; 30+ on 4/3 (BAH).

Sooty shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

[M] Foxton B; max c30 on 2/1 (JL&MM).

Fluttering shearwater *Puffinus gavia*

[BP] Off Ohope B; 4-500 on 31/3. Off Ohiwa H; 5-6000 on 7&8/7 (WMH). [T] New Plymouth; 500+ offshore on 28/3. Sugar Loaf Is; 50+ on 16/1, 200+ on 4/3. Oakura; 300+ offshore on 28/12 & 4/3. Oaonui-C Egmont; 100,000 estimated close inshore on 10/7 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; c500 passing nth on 11/9 (JL&MM), 100+ in 30 mins on 12/3 (IS). [W] Seaview Marina, Wellington H; 300+ fishing on 3/9 (WAW).

Grey petrel *Procellaria cinerea*

[BP] Ohope B; 1 ashore alive on 10/11 (WMH). [M] Foxton B; 5 passing sth on 26/12 (JL&MM), only 8th record in 25 years (IS).

Black petrel *Procellaria parkinsoni*

[Wk] Kinleith; 1 alive on 25/5, died next day (GC). [BP] Near Pudney Rock; 2 feeding on offal on 30/12 (JEH).

Black petrel sp. *Procellaria* sp.

[M] Foxton B; max 4 on 13/8 (JL&MM), Westland petrel sp. seems most likely (IS).

Kerguelen petrel *Lugensa brevirostris*

[W] Tawa; 1 found alive in main street 24/8 released next morning (RS).

Cape pigeon *Daption capense*

[BP] BP waters; frequent sightings, both races between June & September (JEH). [M] Foxton B; 1 passing nth on 26/9 (JL&MM), only 4th record (IS). [W] Pencarrow Head sewage outfall; c100 feeding along edge of slick on 27/7 (RGP).

Antarctic fulmar *Fulmarus glacialisoides*

[BP] Off Astrolobe Reef; 1 feeding and squabbling with cape pigeons on 6/8 (JEH). [T] Port Taranaki; 1 onshore but later died 5/10 (REL). Oaonui Dunes; 1 following breaker line on 27/7 (BAH). [M] Hokio B; single live birds found ashore on 24/9 & 30/9 (BJT).

Southern giant petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

[BP] Near Pudney Rock; 1 on 30/7. Off Motiti I; 2 on 29/9, plumage all dark but greenish tip to bill (JEH). [M] Foxton B; 1 white phase on 26/9 (JL&MM), 1st confirmed record in 40 years (IS).

Northern giant petrel *Macronectes halli*

[BP] Near Astrolobe Reef; 1 all dark plumage with pinkish bill tip on 6/8. Motiti I; similar bird on 29/9 (JEH). Opotiki; exhausted birds brought in Jan & June (WHS).

Giant petrel *Macronectes* sp.

[BP] BP waters; 1 all dark bird near Rabbit I on 12/9, another off Pudney Rock on 24/9 and another between Maketu & Motiti I on 29/9 (JEH). [T] Awakino E; 1 offshore on 12/9 (BAH). Waiongana E; 1 offshore on 8/8 & 3/10, 3 on 4/10, 2 on 21/5 (PJF). Sugar Loaf Is; 1 on 25/8. Stony R; 3 on 4/7. Rahoitu; 1 offshore on 26/6. Pungareere Strm; 1 offshore on 10/9. Oaonui Dunes; 1 offshore on 8/8 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; max 8 on 25/9 (JL&MM).

Fairy prion *Pachyptila turtur*

[M] Hokio B; 1 alive on 11/11 (BJT). [Wr] Masterton; 1 alive on 1/2, died soon afterwards (CES).

Prion *Pachyptila* sp.

[BP] BP waters; large nos. off Mayor I on 23/7 and near Astrolobe Reef on 6/8 (JEH).

Blue petrel *Halobaena caerulea*

[BP] Opotiki; exhausted bird brought in on 12/8 (WHS).

Cook's petrel *Pterodroma cookii*

[A] Off Great Barrier I; a number seen on boat trip to Auckland on 1/2 (ADL). [BP] Ohope B; 1 alive on 10/11 (WMH).

Black-winged petrel *Pterodroma nigripennis*

[G/W] Portland I; 1 over colony at 2000 hrs but did not land, another mid afternoon on 26/12 (GAF).

Grey-faced petrel *Pterodroma macroptera gouldi*

[BP] Pudney Rock; 1 on 30/7 (JEH). [T] Sugar Loaf Is; active burrows on 18/4 (BAH).

White-faced storm petrel *Pelagodroma marina*

[G/W] Portland I; 3 in tussock near burrows on 24/12 (GAF).

Storm petrel sp.

[M] Foxton B; 1 close inshore on 12/2 (JL&MM).

Blue penguin *Eudyptula minor*

[HB] Napier-Hardinge Rd; 12 on beach, others offshore, pr observed copulating on 1/10 (MJ), it is assumed they breed here but not confirmed (MT).

Australasian gannet *Morus serrator*

[Wk] Waikorea, c50 on 26/11. Ruapuke; c153 on 9/11 (HJC). [M] Foxton B; 1 juv on 9/10 (JL&MM).

Black shag *Phalacrocorax carbo*

[N] Waipu; E; 6 on 11/3 & 69 on 17/6. Okaro Ck, Kaipara H; 25 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] L Waahi; 96 on 15/4 (PDB,PDC,BLP). L Karapiro; 152 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). Kakepuku carpark; 2 in Jan catching tadpoles in farm pond (IWE&JH). L Arapuni; 238 on 27/3. L Maraetai; 161 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 99 on 18/3. L Ohakuri; 204 on 17/3. L Atiamuri; 90 on 16/3. L Waipapa; 25 on 20/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [HB] Ahuriri E; 23 on 13/11, 46 on 17/6. Porangahau E; 9 on 20/11, 36 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Pied shag *Phalacrocorax varius*

[Wk] Raglan H; 24 on 28/11. Kawhia H; 53 on 5/7, 45 on 27/11, 56 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; max 54 on 28/11 (L&GB,PCML). Otamarakau; max 30 on 22/11 (WMH,JAB). Herepuru; 10 on 14/12. Tarawera RM; 20 on 14/12. Rangitaiki RM; max 25 on 14/12 (JAB). Waitohi E; max 14 on 6/12. Waiocoka E; max 28 on 12/7. Waioua E; max 13 on 6/12 (WHS). [G/W] Portland I; 2 on 26/12 (GAF). [T] Mokau E; 2 on 6/11. Mohakatino E; 1 imm on 13/8. Tongaporutu E; 1 on 3/12. Sugar Loaf Is; 1 on 15/1 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 from 25/9 to 13/11 (JL&MM), only 4 previous records (IS). [HB] Waitangi E; 1 on 1/12 (MJ), 2 on 25/1 (BMT). [W] Makara B; 3 on 1/8 (AJT). Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; 1 on 16/8, 6/11 & 17/5 (AM).

Little black shag *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

[N] Awaroa RM, Whangarei H; 150-200 on 7/5 (GRP). Whangarei H; 75 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangere SP; 121 on 6/5 (HRC). [Wk] Raglan H; 54 on 4/7 (OSNZ cen). Horseshoe L, Hamilton; 26 communally fishing on 19/5 (AS&JMR). Waikato R, Chartwell; 60-70 flying sth in loose line abreast on 26/4 (HJC). L Karapiro; 154 birds, 66 nests on 28/3. L Maraetai; 24 on 19/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). Kawhia H; 120 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). L Arapuni; 348 on 27/3. L

Ohakuri; 123 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [BP] Pilot Bay, Mt Maunganui; c200 on 7/6 (PCML). Sulphur Pt; 115 on 24/6. Little Waihi; 19 on 11/6 (JAB). Matata; max 17 on 5/2/99 (BC). Tarawera RM; 10 on 14/12 (JAB). Otamarakau; 14 on 22/11. Ohiwa H; 40 on 20/6/99 (WMH). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 90 on 5/9 (GAF). [M] Foxton B; 1 feeding in surf zone on 18/6. Manawatu E; max c30 on 11/9. L Omanu; c40 nests present Feb-April (JL&MM). [HB] Waitangi E; 85 on 1/12 (MJ). Tukituki E; c100 on 30/4 (M&PWT). [Wr] Henley L, Masterton; several on 3/5 (TCD). Akitio R; 15 on 27/4 (AB). [W] Pauatahanui E; c150 fishing on 30/5 (WAW). Wellington H; Petone-Ngauranga, seen from July to 8/11 and April to June, max 65 in Sept (AM); Seaview Marina; 49 on 3/9 (WAW).

Little shag *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos brevirostris*

[Wk] L Karapiro; 169 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). Kawhia H; 35 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). L Arapuni; 271 on 27/3. L Waipapa; 70 on 20/3. L Maraetai; 72 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 131 on 18/3. L Atiamuri; 94 on 16/3. L Ohakuri; 256 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [HB] Ahuriri E; 27 on 13/11, 42 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; seen every month, max 30 in July, min 3 in Jan (AM).

Spotted shag *Stictocarbo punctatus*

[A] Mangere SP; 3 on 14/3 (HRC). [M] Manawatu E; 1 juv on 29/8. Foxton B; 1 sub-ad on 12/9 (JL&MM), quite a rare bird in region (IS). [HB] East Clive sewer outfall; c80 on 14/7 (KVT), 26 on 26/5 (BMT). [W] Seaview Marina, Wellington H; 31 on 3/9 (WAW).

White-faced heron *Ardea novaehollandiae*

[N] Whangarei H; 41 on 17/6. Ruawai; 215 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Raglan H; 6 on 4/7, 5 on 28/11 & 6 on 19/6. Aotea H; 4 on 5/7, 11 on 27/11 & 4 on 17/6. Kawhia H; 57 on 5/7, 50 on 27/11 & 36 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [HB] Ahuriri E; 97 on 13/11 & 53 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Moreton Rd, Carterton; 40 on 6/6 (CES).

White heron *Egretta alba modesta*

[N] Port Whangarei; 1 on 1/8 (GRP). [SA] Miranda; 1 on 31/10 & 2/4 (DAL,SF). [Wk] Whangamarino Swamp; 1 in May (per AS&JMR). Raglan; 1 on 1/3 (AS). [BP] Matata; 2 on 18/6 (JAB). [G/W] Waipaoa E; 1 on 4/3 & 23/6 (GAF,DSF,MAF). [M] Ohakea; 1 flying sth on 14/7 (IS). Manawatu E; 1 from 2/1 to 14/4 (JL&MM et al). Ohau E; 1 on 16/11 (BJT). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 15/8 (M&PWT). Waitangi E; 1 on 30/8 (KVT) & 11/5 (BMT). Tukituki E; 2 on 30/4 (M&PWT), 1 on 11/5 (KVT). Te Awanga Lag; 1 on 5/11 & 29/2 (BMT).

Little egret *Egretta garzetta*

[A] Auckland Airport; 1 on 1/5 (HRC). [Wk] Tiritirimatangi Pen, Kawhia; 1 on 2/7 (WIR). Kawhia H; 1 on 5/7 (OSNZ cen). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 4/7 (IS) & 1 from 12/2 to 7/5 (JL&MM et al). L Omanu; 1 on 11/12 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 23/2 (KVT). Waitangi E; 1 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). East Clive; 1 on 12/9 (MJ), 18/2 (BMT) & 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Tukituki E; 1 on 30/4 & 25/6 (M&PWT).]

Reef heron *Egretta sacra*

[FN] Aurere B; 1 on 24/4 (AJG). Cooper's B; 2 on 7/3 (SF). [N] Ruakaka E; 1 on 11/3 & 2 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Waipu E; 1 on 17/10 (GAP,SPC,DSJ). Sail Rock; 1 on 15/4 (GRP,KMH). [A] Leigh; 1 on 27/4 1km sth of Goat I (SPC). Shoal Bay; 1 on 12/8 & 30/4, 3 on 27/5 (DAP). Herne Bay; 1 on 2/12 (J Sim). Little Huia; 1 on 13/5 (JAK). [SA] Awhitu; 2 on 6/2 (VMR). [Wk] Nth Raglan B-Mussel Rocks; 1 on 13/2 (WLR). Raglan H; 4 on 4/7, 2 on 28/11 & 1 on 19/6 (OSNZ cen). Ruapuke; 1 on 9/11 (HJC). Aotea H; 3 on 14/2 (AS&JMR), 3 on 17/6. Kawhia H; 2 on 5/7 & 4 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Marokopa; 1

on 12/2 (JMR). [BP] Sulphur Pt; 1 on 14/11 (GH). Kaituna Cut; 1 on 28/11 (PCML) & 11/6 (JAB). Ohiwa; 1 on 21/11 (WMH) & 12/3 (JAB). [G/W] Portland I; 2 on 24/12 (GAF). [T] Mokau E; 1 on 19/11. Tongaporutu E; 1 on 7/10 (BAH). Waiongana E; 1 on 14/10 (PJF) & 18/10 (BAH). Oakura; 1 on 10/3 (HE&MM). Komene Dune L; 1 on 20/11 (BAH). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 2/10 (JGH,CFM). [W] Pukerua Bay; 1 on 6/12 (EMG). Wellington H; Petone-Ngauranga, seen every month, max 2 (AM), Seaview Marina; 1 chased by red-billed gulls on 3/9 (WAW), Lowry Bay; 1 on 1/5 (PJR), Days Bay; 2 on 25/11 (EMG), Balaena Bay; 1 harassed by red-billed gulls on 4/2 (GAT).

Cattle egret *Bubulcus ibis*

[FN] Unahi, Rangaunu H; 33 on 25/10, down to 6 on 13/11 (AV&LH). Aurere Flats; 72 on 24/6 (AVH). Rangitane, Kerikeri; 6 on 19/5 (DP). [N] Waipu; max 23 on 19/8 (GRP,KMH,CLB), down to 11 on 9/11, 1 back on 18/4 (CLB), building to 20 on 13/6 (CLB,JS,MS). Ruawai; 1 in breeding plumage on 28/11 & 32 on 3/5 (PMC,PRS). [A] Waikiri Ck, Kaipara H; 9 on 28/9 (GNG,MKT). Parakai, Helensville; 45 on 31/7 (MRW et al). [SA] Karaka; 1 on 25/10 (DAL). Aka Aka; 39 at Crouch Rd on 11/8 (JBU). [Wk] Churchill Rd, Rangiriri; 270 on 28/7 (OSNZ cen), 19 back on 5/4 (PDC) & 75 on 25/6 (PDC DS). Lumsden Rd, Ohinewai; 73 on 2/8 & 34 on 3/11, most in full breeding plumage (EW). Lake Rd, Ngaroto; 51 on 4/7 (PDC), 49 on 7/9 (OSNZ cen) & 20 on 4/5 (PDC). Kawhia; 3 roosting with 25 royal spoonbills on 13/8 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 9 on 11/6 (JAB). Awaiti WM Res, Matata; max 33 on 9/9 (KOW,JAB). Waioeka; max 13 on 12/7 (WHS). [VP] Tohunga Junction, SH4, Raetihi; 1 on farmland mid Nov (D G). [T] Mamaku Rd, Waitara; 6 on 6/11 (BAH). Waiongana; 10 on 3/11 (PJF). [Wg] Whangaehu RM; max 40 in July/Aug (IS). [M] Manawatu E; 2 in breeding plumage on 20/12 (IS), max 6 on 2/1 (JL&MM,IS). Whirokino; 6 on 24/12, max 12 on 15/4 (JL&MM), birds have returned to Whirokino after an absence of a few years (IS). [HB] Clive; 1 in breeding plumage on 25/1, max 12 on 18/6. Fernhill; 10 in Swamp Rd on 8/7 (BMT) & 30 in Taihape Rd on 28/8 (JGH,CFM). Takapau; 1 on 11/4 (BMS). [Wr] Carterton; max 23 on 5/11 (CCI). East/West Access Rd, Featherston; 18 on 11/7 (DS). Tauherenikau R; 15 on 1/11 (JL). Waingawa; 1 on 19/5 (CES).

Australasian bittern *Botaurus poiciloptilus*

[FN] Taheke, Hokianga H; 1 on 27/1 (PRS). [N] L Whakaneke, Pouto; 2 on 4/3. L Mokeno, Pouto; 1 on 4/3 (GRP,KMH). [A] Tawharanui RP; 1 in ditch on 26/8 (SPC). [Wk] Whangamarino Swamp; 1 on 3/5 (AS&JMR,HJC). L Areare; 1 on 16/2 (SB). Oparau R, Kawhia; 1 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). Rakaunui saltmarsh, Kawhia H; 1 on 28/1-1/2 & 13/2 (AS&JMR). [BP] Maketu; 1 on 28/11 (PCML). [T] Nowell's Lakes; 1 on 12/12 (OSNZ). [M] L Omanu; 1 on 12/9 (IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Opuarua Floodway, L Wairarapa; 3 on 4/3 (JL). Kohiwhai; 1 on 18/5 (CES).

Royal spoonbill *Platalea regia*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 30 on 17/6 (BN), 116 on 24/6 (OSNZ cen). Unahi, Rangaunu H; a summer low of 14 on 13/11, increasing to 175 on 28/5 (AV&LH) & max of c190 on 25/6 (GRP). [N] Port Whangarei; 61 on 10/7, 2 or 3 over summer, back up to 23 on 9/4 & 65 on 7/5 (GRP). Whangarei H; 75 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). McCauley's Farm, Waipu; 6 on 14/9 & 3 on 16/5 (CLB). [A] Mangawhai E; 3 on 14/11 (KMH). Matakana R; 5 on 25/9, 3 on 17/6 (SPC). Shelly B; 21 on 10/7, 19 on 18/6 (GAP). Te Atatu nth shore; 1 on 16/5 (KC). Western

Springs; 6 on 19/10 (JAK). Orakei Basin; 6 on 6/12 (MJT). Auckland Airport; 20 on 6/2. Mangere SP; 14 on 14/3 (HRC), max 73 on 16/6 (TW). [SA] Yates dam, Karaka; 12 on 25/10 (DAL). Hingaia Ck, Karaka; 1 on 9/4 (JB). [Wk] L Whangape; 3 on 4/11 (PDB). Raglan; 1-3 in autumn. Kinohaku; 1 in early April (AS), 6 on 20/6 (AS&JMR). Tiritirimatangi Pen, Kawhia; 66 on 2/7 (WIR). Kawhia H; 55 on 5/7 & 95 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 8 on 28/11, max 34 on 11&22/6 (JAB,PCML). Matata; 1 on 6/12 (WMH) & 18/6 (JAB). Ohiwa H; 4 (3ads,1juv) on 20/12 (WHS). [VP] 5 Mile Bay, L Taupo; 1 on pond on 19/2 (PB). [G/W] Waipaoa E; max 23 on 17/10 (GAF). Whakaki Lag; max 40 on 25/4 (DSF,MAF). Wairoa E; max 30 on 6/5 (GAF). [T] Awakino E; 1 on 5/5. Mokau E; 2 from 1/7 to 24/9, 4 on 31/10. Urenui E; 1 on 20/8, 27/8 & 17/9. Waitara E; 1 on 5/7 & 23/6 (BAH). Waiongana E; 1 on 17/7, 2 on 5/3, 1 on 22 & 29/4 (PJF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year, c20 in summer, c50 in winter, max 98 on 14/4 (JL&MM), highest no. recorded (IS). Otaki B; 6 on 5/4 (BJT). [HB] Ahuriri E; c40 on 11/7 (M&PWT), 4 back on 13/11 (OSNZ cen), max 51 on 1/4 (M&PWT) & 6/5 (BMS), 33 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Waitangi E; max 14 on 17/11 (KVT et al). Haumoana Lag; 1 on 25/7. Tukituki E; 1 on 25/6 (M&PWT). Porangahau E; 1 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] L Wairarapa; max 45 on 7/5, 15 on 5/3 (JL). Onoke; max 6 on 6/11 (CES). [W] Kapiti I; 36 ads, 4 fledglings, 10 nests suggesting second breeding on 22/1 (CMM,RB). Waikanae E; 14 on 1/3 (AM,JAW). Pauatahanui E; 7 on 15/11 (RSS) & 13/5 (WAW), max 10 on 1/3 (AM,JAW).

Mute swan *Cygnus olor*

[M] Hokowhitu Lag; 2 resident (IS). [HB] L Okahu; 2 on 15/1 (OSNZ).

Black swan *Cygnus atratus*

[Wk] L Waahi; 214 on 15/4 (PDB,PDC,BLP). Aotea H; 300 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). L Karapiro; 75 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). Kawhia H; 846 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). L Taharoa; many 100's & cygnets on 20/6 (AS&JMR). L Arapuni; 190 on 27/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [BP] Matahau Pt; c350 on 14/11 (JAB). Te Maunga; 103 on 23/6 (MSm). Matata; max 60 on 5/2/99 (BHS). Omokoroa & Mangawhai Bays; 100 on 24/6 (JAB). [G/W] L Whakamarino, Tuai; 365 on 21/5 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; 400+ on 6/5. L Omanu; c185 on 17/7 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 146 on 13/11, 316 on 17/6. Porangahau E; 4 on 20/11, c529 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Canada goose *Branta canadensis*

[A] Coatesville; 10 on 24/3 (DAP). [SA] Yates dam, Karaka; pr with nest on 25/10 (DAL). [Wk] L Waahi; 1750 on 15/4 (PDB,PDC,BLP). Hamilton L; max 63 on 9/4 (BAF et al). [BP] Omokoroa & Mangawhai Bays; 40 on 24/6 (JAB). Kaituna Cut; 14 + 7 goslings on 28/11 (PCML), 135 on 11/6. Little Waihi; 52 on 11/6. Matata; max 58 on 14/12 (JAB). [G/W] Portland I; pr with 4 young on 26/12 (GAF). [M] L Omanu; max c170 on 14/4, double last years no. (JL&MM). [HB] Porangahau E; 1 on 20/11, 111 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Paradise shelduck *Tadorna variegata*

[Wk] Waikato R, 14kms nth of Meremere; 55 on 5/4 (PDC). L Waahi; 307 on 15/4 (PDB,PDC,BLP). L Karapiro; 295 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). Kawhia H; 5 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). L Arapuni; 50 on 27/3. L Waipapa; 9 on 20/3. L Maraetai; 7 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 67 on 18/3. L Atiamuri; 22 on 16/3. L Ohakuri; 83 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). Raglan SP; 20 on 17/12 (AS&JMR). [BP] Matata; max 30 on 18/6 (JAB). [G/W] Muriwai; 187 on corn stubble on 17/6. Mangaone Rd, Nuhaka; 60 on wet paddock on 11/6 (GAF). [M] L Omanu;

max 76 on 18/3 (JL&MM) was the largest flock reported in region (IS). [HB] L Hatuma; c500 moulting on 22/1 (M&PWT).

Blue duck *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus*

[VP] Mangatepopo Stm; 1 albino male below intake dam on 27/10 & 14/12. Mangaeteroa Stm; 1 on 28/9. Mangaturu Stm 5 on lower reaches on 19/2. Not previously known on these last two streams (KO). [G/W] Whirinaki & Waiau Rivers, Urewera NP; 4 on 15-16/2 (MAF). [M] Coal Ck near Apati; 1 imm on 8&9/4 (S Cresswell per IS).

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

[Wk] L Waahi; 347 on 15/4 (PDB,PDC,BLP). Raglan H; 130 on 4/7 (OSNZ cen). Raglan SP; 180 on 17/12 (AS&JMR). Forest L; max 189 on 11/6 (ABC). Hamilton L; max 1642 on 14/5 (BAF). Te Koutu L, Cambridge; max 1560 on 11/7 (JMR). L Karapiro; 1371 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). Kawhia H; 184 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). L Arapuni; 568 on 27/3. L Waipapa; 92 on 20/3. L Maraetai; 322 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 531 on 18/3. L Atiamuri; 790 on 16/3. L Ohakuri; 395 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 127 on 11/6. Little Waihi; 115 on 11/6. Matata; max c1500 on 18/6 (JAB). [M] Manawatu E; c1000 during hunting season JL&MM,IS et al). [HB] Ahuriri E; 172 on 13/11, 177 on 17/6. Tukituki E; 63 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen).

Grey duck *Anas superciliosa*

[N] L Mokeno, Pouto; 48 on 4/3. L Whakaneke, Pouto; 24 on 4/3 (GRP,KMH). [Wk] L Karapiro; 16 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). Rakaunui saltmarsh, Kawhia H; c100 on 29/1-1/2 (AS&JMR). L Arapuni; 39 on 27/3. L Waipapa; 33 on 20/3. L Maraetai; 22 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 44 on 18/3. L Atiamuri; 73 on 16/3. L Ohakuri; 39 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [T] Mokau E; 10 on 12/3. Rotorangi L; 20 on 6/9. Komene Dune L; 17 on 3/2 (BAH).

Grey teal *Anas gracilis*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 60 on 4/3 (DAL). [Wk] Forest L; max 19 on 14/5 (ABC). Te Koutu L, Cambridge; 25 on 17/5 (A&TS). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 200 on 22/6. Little Waihi; 10 on 22/6 (PCML). Matata; max 40 on 18/6 (JAB). [M] Manawatu E; few through summer, then rapid build-up to c500 in May (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 51 on 13/11, 234 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen).

[Chestnut teal *Anas castanea*

[A] Waiwera SP; 1 on 18/7 & 20/7 (SL,MRW); submitted to RBC but not yet accepted. [M] Manawatu E; 1 presumed male on 26/3, accepted by RBC (IS) & 1 female on 8/4 (IS,TK,NP), not yet submitted to RBC.]

Brown teal *Anas aucklandica chlorotis*

[N] Northland trend counts of 174 & 162 in Feb (GRP). [A] Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier I; 10 on 30/1 & 4 at Claris on 31/1 (ADL). Onepoto Domain, Birkenhead; 1 on 9/5 (DAP et al).

NZ shoveler *Anas rhynchotis variegata*

[A] Mangere SP; 100's on 6/5 (HRC). [Wk] Raglan SP; 21 on 7/7 (A&TS,AL&WLR). Hamilton L; max 10 on 11/6 (BAF et al). L Karapiro; 13 on 28/3. L Whakamaru; 17 on 18/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [BP] Little Waihi; 19 on 11/6. Matata; max 210 on 18/6 (JAB). [T] Waiongana E; 5 on 19/2 (PJF,WAP). Rotomanu; 3 on 31/7 (BAH). Ratapiko L; 5 on 9/7 (OSNZ). Komene Dune L; max 16 on 11/11 (BAH). Nowell's Lakes; 1 on 12/12 (OSNZ). [M] Manawatu E; very few during year, then massive build-up to c800 mid May to June. L Omanu; max 100 on 25/9 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 70 on 13/11, 701 on 17/6. Porangahau E; 95 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

NZ scaup *Aythya australis*

[N] L Whakaneke, Pouto; 14 on 4/3 (GRP,KMH). [Wk] L Karapiro; 31 on 28/3. L Arapuni; 45 on 27/3. L Waipapa; 7 on 20/3. L Maraetai; 20 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 104 on 18/3. L Atiamuri; 19 on 16/3. L Ohakuri; 121 on 17/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). [BP] Matata; 10 + 4 ducklings on 14/12, 36 on 18/6 (JAB). [G/W] Home Bay, L Waikaremoana; 66 on 21/5. L Whakamarino, Tuai; 68 on 21/5 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 2 on 17/10 (PJF). Rotomanu L; max 17 on 22/6. Mangamahoe; max 80+ on 8/4 (BAH). Rotokare L; 6 on 14/10 (BAH,DGM). Rotorangi L; 7 on 6/9 (BAH).

Australasian harrier *Circus approximans*

[Wk] Kawhia Ocean B; 1 scavenging beach wrecked Antarctic fulmar on 15/7 (HJC).

NZ falcon *Falco novaeseelandiae*

[A] Auckland Airport; 1 on 1/5 (HRC). [Wk] Raglan; 1 on 12/5 (A&TS). Hakarimata Range; 1 on 22/1 (SB). [BP] Papamoa Hills No. 3 Rd; a female seen twice on 26/11 (PCML) [VP] Waimarino F, Raetihi; 3 in Aug, 3 together on 20/2. Tongariro F; 2 on 10/12. Ohakune; 1 in central town on 3/3 (KO). [G/W] Wairoa; regular sightings of a falcon chasing starling & feral pigeon in town from 1/3 to 30/6 (GAF,DSF). [T] Waitaanga F; 2 on 22/6 (KO). Mokau E; 1 on 11/7 (BAH). New Plymouth 1 seen in city Sept to June (REL,PJF,WvG et al). Kent Rd; 1 on 29/3 caught starling but mobbed by others until it released it (W&RM). Egmont NP; 1 on 11/3 at Kahui Hut, 1 on 10/4 at Hongi Bluff (WAP). Collier's Covenant; 1 on 18/9 (DGM), 18/12 (JH) & 27/5 (PJF,BAH). [M] Fielding; 1 on 6/7 & 29/10 (LSa). Ohakea; 1 on 12/5 (IS). Pohangina V; 1 on 1/7 & 16/7 (MB). [HB] Kuripapango Lakes; 2 on 12/2 (JW). [Wr] Mikimiki, near Masterton; 1 on 2/7 (JM). The Pinnacles, Palliser Bay; nest immediately below lookout on 23/10, same site as last year (SBL). [W] Mt Climie, Upper Hutt; 1 nest on 16/10, 100m from last years site (SBL). Melling, Lower Hutt; 1 flying sth on 17/7 & 21/7 (RGP). Wainuiomata RM; 1 on 4/3 (BJT).

California quail *Callipepla californica brunnescens*

[BP] No.3 Rd, Te Puke; c12 roosting in kiwifruit vines at midday on 6/3 (PCML). [Wr] Ruamahanga R; plenty on 30/1 (TCD). Waiohine; 16 on 8/3 (GD). Blairlogie; 29 on 30/4 (AB). Moiki, Martinborough; 24 on 6/9 (JL).

Brown quail *Synoicus ypsilophorus*

[M] Foxton; 1 near Refuse Transfer Station on 1/4 (JL&MM). The only other record for region was 1 at Manawatu E in Oct 1990 (IS).

Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*

[Wg] Otoko Pa Lakes, Parapara Highway; 20 on 23/6 (KO).

Banded rail *Rallus philippensis*

[SA] Opoutere E; 1 with ch on 20/11 (BWW). [Wk] Aotea H; 2 in freshwater wetland near Pakoka R, 1 of these was caught in chicken wire & died, July (CKA). [BP] Matata; 1 on 7/2 & 18/6 (JAB). Ohiwa H; 1 on 10/3 & 26/5 (WMH). [T] Mokau E; 3 (1 ad, 2 juvs) on 28/2, 2 on 25/5 (BAH).

North I weka *Gallirallus australis greyi*

[BP] Opotiki; injured bird brought in from Tōrere area on 11/8 (WHS).

Spotless crane *Porzana tabuensis*

[N] L Mokeno, Pouto; 2 heard on 4/3 (GRP,KMH). [A] Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier I; 1 on 31/1 (ADL). [Wk] Near Mangatawhiri Dam; 1 on 13/3 (AS&JMR,BHS). L Ngaroto; 2 feeding actively through rotting leaves in willow/raupo wetland on 28/6. Waiharakeke Stm, Kawhia; 1 heard; Kawhia H Rd; 2

heard & seen; L Taharoa; 1 heard; all responded to tape on 20/6 (AS&JMR). [VP] 5 Mile Bay, L Taupo; 1 on pond on 8/11 (PB). [T] Colin Bird's, Kaka Rd; 1 on 20/2 & 30/4 (PJF). Waitara; 1 dead on 8/3 & another on 10/3 (G&LR). Rotokare L; 3 on 26/8 & 3/11, 4 on 20/1 & 3 on 9/5 (BAH,DGM). [Wg] Otoko Pa Lakes, Parapara Highway; 3 on 23/6 (KO). [M] Reported from L Omanu & Foxton No. 2 L (JL&MM,IS). Round Bush; 4 together on 30/10 (JL&MM).

Marsh crake *Porzana pusilla*

[Wk] L Ngaroto; 2 on 27/6 (MRD,BHS), 2 feeding actively through rotting leaves in willow/raupo wetland on 28/6, no interaction with spotless crakes also present (AS&JMR). About 3prs seen around lake after initial sightings (DJR). [BP] Lower Kaituna Wildlife Res; 1 on 11/7 (KOW).

Pukeko *Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*

[N] Whangarei rubbish tip; 317+ on 6/5 (GRP). [Wk] Hamilton L; max 36 on 11/6 (BAF et al). [BP] Te Maunga; 49 on 23/6 (MSm). Motu E; 20 on 25/9 (PCML).

Australian coot *Fulica atra australis*

[Wk] Forest L; max 8 on 11/7, min 2 on 9/1 (ABC et al). Hamilton L; max 32 on 8/8, min 11+2 juvs on 14/11 (BAF et al). Te Koutu L, Cambridge; max 18 on 11/7, min 13 on 12/9 (JMR). L Maraetai; 7 on 19/3. L Whakamaru; 8 on 18/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DLT). L Taharoa; 4 on 20/6 (AS&JMR). [BP] Matata; c20 on 5/2/99 (BHS), 6 on 6/12 (WMH), 10 on 14/12 (JAB). [G/W] L Whakamarino, Tuai; 169 on 21/5 (GAF). [T] Hawera Showgrounds; 8 ads, 8 juvs on 12/12 (OSNZ). Mangamahoe L; 2 on 8/4 (BAH). [M] Hokowhitu Lag; c40 resident (IS).

South I pied oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 158 on 24/6. Rangaunu H; 48 on 14/11, c417 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei H; 16 on 27/11, 2548+ on 11/3, 2195 on 17/6. Nth Kaipara H; 624 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 1436 on 27/11, 10676 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). Omaha-Whangateau; 400 on 7/4 (SPC). Pollen I, Waitemata H; 300 on 11/4 (JS,CJE). Auckland Airport; max 8000 on 7/2 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 4000 on 20/2 (DAL). [Wk] Raglan H; 220 on 4/7, 153 on 28/11 & 388 on 19/6. Aotea H; 333 on 5/7, 345 on 27/11 & 980 on 17/6. Kawhia H; 3390 on 5/7, 781 on 27/11, 2467 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H; 490 on 14/11, 1336 on 24/6 (OSNZ cen). Kaituna Cut; max 150 on 22/6 (PCML). Little Waihi; 20 on 11/6 (JAB). Ohiwa H; max 509 on 7/2/99, 1 albino with orange eye & bill (BHS). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; max 52 on 23/6 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year, max 70-130 Jan to June (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 35 on 4/3 (M&PWT). Porangahau E; 28 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Pauatahanui E; max 12 on 31/10 (RSS).

Variable oystercatcher *Haematopus unicolor*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 102 on 24/6. Rangaunu H; 154 on 14/11, 120 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). East B; max 87 on 2/4 (AV&LH). Karikari B; max 12 on 7/11 (LH). [N] Whangarei H; 88 on 27/11, 153+ on 11/3, 12 on 17/6. Ruakaka E; 35 on 27/11, 109 on 11/3, 116 on 17/6. Waipu E; 47 on 27/11, 130 on 11/3, 125 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Pouto Pen; 23 along 63 km of coastline on 23/8 (GRPKMH). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 17 on 27/11, 15 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). Omaha-Whangateau; 42 on 7/4 (SPC). Karekare B; 4 prs + 1 ch on 15/1 (ACR). [Wk] Nth Raglan B-Mussel Rocks; 10 on 13/2 (WLR). Raglan H; 10 on 19/6. Kawhia H; 14 on 5/7, 16 on 27/11 & 23 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). West Waikato Beaches; present in low nos on all beaches (AS&JMR,HJC et al). [BP] Tauranga H; 52 on 14/11, 66 on 24/6 (OSNZ cen). Kaituna Cut; max 56 on 11/6. Little Waihi;

max 52 on 11/6. Otamarakau, Herepuru; 9 + 2 chs on 14/12 (JAB). Maraetotara RM, Ohope; 42 on 25/9 (PCML). Ohiwa H; max 170 on 12/3 (WMH). Whale I; 3 + 1 ch on 6/2/99 (BHS). Waiotahi E; max 10 on 12/7. Waiau E; max 13 on 6/12 (WHS). [G/W] Mahia Pen; max 100+ on eastern side on 18/7 (DSF,MAF). Portland I; 75 on 14/11 (GAF). [T] Awakino E to Oaonui Dunes; 17 prs nesting (OSNZ). [M] Manawatu E; max 11 on 3/1 (JL&MM,IS). Otaki B; max 29 on 4/8. Ohau E; 18 nesting prs on 16/11 (BJT). [HB] Ahuriri E; 10 on 4/3 (M&PWT). Porangahau E; 19 on 29/11, 16 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; seen every month, max 9 in May, min 4 in Dec (AM).

Australasian pied stilt *Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus*

[N] Whangarei H; 171 on 27/11, 692 on 11/3, 764 on 17/6. Ruawai; 70 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 492 on 27/11, 2078 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). [SA] Clarks B; 260 on 30/8 (SC). [Wk] Raglan H; 52 on 4/7 & 54 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). L Ngaroto; 145 on 4/7 (PDC). Kawhia H; 553 on 5/7, c100 on 27/11 & 262 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H; 20 on 14/11, 610 on 24/6 (OSNZ cen). Kaituna Cut; max 75 on 27/2. Little Waihi; 50 on 22/6 (PCML). Rangitaiki RM; max 45 on 18/6 (JAB). Ohiwa H; max 62 on 7/2/99 (BHS). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 614 on 23/6 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year, 100-250 post breeding (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 501 on 13/11, 1073 on 17/6. Porangahau E; 11 on 20/11, 95 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Black stilt/Hybrid stilt *Himantopus novaeseelandiae*

[A] Kaipara H: Hoteo R; 1 G-F node on 21/5 (MJT); Hedley's; 2 on 31/7 (KRB et al); Jordan's; 3 on 18/6 (GAP et al). Mangere SP; 2 on 14/3 (HRC). [Wk] Kawhia H; 16 incl 2 juvs, 4 node H, 2 node I on 5/7, 4 (2 black, 2 hybrid on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Matahui Pt; 1 all black on 24/6 (JAB). Matata; 3 pied birds with black breast bands on 5/2/99 (BHS). [T] Mokau E; 1 node G/H from 1/7 to 11/7. Mohakatino E; 1 on 20/7 & 29/7, probably same bird as Mokau E (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; single node E/F birds on 22-24/1, 19/3 & 6/5 (JL&MM).

NZ dotterel *Charadrius obscurus*

[FN] Te Huka-Whareana B; 20 on 6/5 (VH&LH,DRT). [N] Whangarei H; 10 on 27/11, 31 on 11/3, 14 on 17/6. Ruakaka E; 8 on 27/11, 10 on 17/6. Waipu E; 39 on 27/11, 35 on 11/3, 22 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai H; 30 prs, 36 chs hatched, at least 21 fledged (KMH,GRP). Omaha-Whangateau; 71 on 7/4 (SPC). Papakanui Spit; 38 on 29/8 (GAP,DSJ). Auckland Airport; max 24 on 9/4 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; pr with 4 eggs on 14/9, max 19 on 7/3 (DAL,AMH). Opoutere E; 12 prs breeding, fledged 19 chs as of 28/1 (BAW,JAB). Matarangi; max 48 on 12/2. Whangamata; 13 on 28/1 (BAW). [Wk] Nth Raglan & Ruapuke Beaches; present in low nos (OSNZ cen); not recorded on Waikorea, Waikaretu, or S Raglan (AS&JMR,HJC et al). Aotea H; max 8 on 5/7 (OSNZ cen). Kawhia H; 10 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Taharoa; max 4 on 31/7 & 11/8 (HJC et al). [BP] Ohiwa H; max 30 on 19/6 (WMH). Waiau E; max 15 on 24/8 (WHS). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 6 on 17/6 (GAF). Portland I; 3 prs nested, all nests gone by 26/12 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 28/8 & 11/12 (PJF). Pungareere Stm; 2 on 21/7, 8/8, 1/9 & 17/10, nested on 15/11 (BAH,DGM). Oaonui Dunes; 1 on 8/8 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 ad on 11/9 (R&PS) & 8/1 (CMM), only the 5th & 6th records for region (IS).

Banded dotterel *Charadrius bicinctus bicinctus*

[FN] Te Huka-Whareana B; 16 on 6/5 (VH,AV&LH,DRT). East B; 6 on 6/12, max 65 on 2/4 (AV&LH). [N] Whangarei H; 224 on 11/3. Waipu H; 28 on 11/3, 38 on 17/6 (OSNZ

cen). [A] Mangawhai H; 39 on 31/1 (KMH). Sth Kaipara H; 10 on 27/11, 610 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). Big Sand I; 150 on 22/1 (GNG,MKT). Omaha-Whangateau; 104 on 7/4 (SPC). Auckland Airport; 200 on 6/5 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; max 297 on 20/2 (DAL,AMH). Port Waikato; pr breeding on 7/11 (DAL). Tairua E; 30 on 15/2 (BAW). [Wk] Aotea H; 350 on 5/7, 1 on 27/11 & 282 on 17/6. Kawhia H; 456 on 5/7 & 356 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). Waikorea, Nth Raglan, Kawhia Ocean & Taharoa Beaches; present; not recorded from Waikaretu, Sth Raglan & Ruapuke Beaches (AS&JMR,HJC et al). [BP] Tauranga H; 522 on 23/6 (OSNZ cen). Maketu E; 85 on 22/6 (PCML). Ohiwa H; max 160 on 12/3 (JAB et al). [T] Waiongana E; max 67 on 24/4 (PJF). [M] Manawatu E; 20-30 in winter & spring, max 140 on 12/3 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 49 on 16/1, 75 on 4/3 (M&PWT). Porangahau E; 85 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Black-fronted dotterel *Charadrius melanops*

[BP] Matata; 1 on 11/7 (JAB). [T] Bell Block SP; 1 on 29/4 (PJF). Komene Dune L; 1 on 9/8. Pungareere Stm; 1 on 15/12 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; max 9 from 17/7 to 1/8 (JL&MM,IS). L Omanu; 1 on 10/10 & 31/10 (JL&MM). Hokio B; 1 in July, 2 in April & June. Otaki B; 2 on 17/6 (BJT). [HB] Ahuriri E; 98 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Henley L, Masterton; max 6 on 3/3 & 1/5 (AH).

Large sand dotterel *Charadrius leschenaultii*

[A] Big Sand I, Kaipara H; 1 on 27/11 (GNG,MKT). [M] Manawatu E; 1 in non breeding plumage on 24/12 (R&PS), 1st record for region (IS).]

Mongolian dotterel *Charadrius mongolus*

[A] Big Sand I, Kaipara H; 1 on 27/11 (GNG,MKT). [BP] Ohiwa H; 1 on 13/10 & 30/11 (WMH). [G/W] Mahia Pen; 2 on 18/7, 1 from 24/7 to 1/8 (DSF,MAF,GAF).]

Shore plover *Thinornis novaeseelandiae*

[A] Beehive I, Kawau I; 1 c/b on 1/8 (LMA). [G/W] Portland I; 8 which incl. 2 prs nesting under driftwood (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 1 c/b from 28/12 to 31/12, originated from released birds at Portland I (PJF,BAH,DGM). [M] Manawatu E; 1 ad male c/b on 3/1, 1st record for region, bird released at Portland I in July 98, same bird as the one in Taranaki. Accepted by RBC (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 3/1 (BMS), 2 on 4/1, both c/b & originated from released birds on Portland I (M&PWT).]

Wrybill *Anarhynchus frontalis*

[N] Whangarei H; 94 on 20/2 (GRP) & 11/3 (OSNZ cen), 105 on 9/4 (GRP), 48 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 7 on 27/11, 173 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen); Big Sand I; 200+ on 20/1 (GNG,MKT); Jordan's; 20 on 18/6 (GAP et al); Papakanui Spit; 12 on 12/9 (GAP,DSJ); Shoal Bay; max 77 on 24/7 (DAP). Mangawhai H; 2 on 4/9 (GNG,MKT), still 1 on 6/10 (KMH). Auckland Airport; 200 on 7/4 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; max 600 on 6/5 (DAL,AMH). [G/W] Waipaoa E; 37 on 17/6. Whakamahi Lag; 5 on 6/5 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 4 on 17/9 & 3/10 (PJF). Komene Rd; 52 (1c/b) on 19/1. Pungareere Stm; 1 on 29/2 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 15-40 from July to Nov, 1 from Nov to Dec, building up to max of 45-48 in May (JL&MM,IS). Ohau E; 4 on 7/7 & 6 on 7/6. Waikawa E; 1 on 5/6 & 17/6 (BJT). [HB] Clive RM; 1 on 4/11 (JGH,CFM). Porangahau E; 2 on 20/11, 60 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Pacific golden plover *Pluvialis fulva*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 37 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). [N] Whangarei Airport; 37 on 20/2 (GRP). Whangarei H; 52 on

11/3 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 16 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen); Big Sand I; 18 on 28/9, 35 on 26/12 (GNG,MKT). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 7 on 25/10, max 46 on 4/3 (DAL,AMH). [BP] Kaituna Cut; at least 5 on 28/11 (PCML). Ohiwa H; max 22 on 10/2 (WHS et al). [G/W] Waipaoa E; max 25 on 4/3 (DSF,MAF). [T] Waiongana E; present Sept-Feb, max 10 on 27/2 (PJF). Pungareere Stm; 3 on 29/2 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 overwintered, 4 by 25/9, slow build up to max of 28 on 5/3, last record of year, 6 on 8/4 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 20 on 2/10 (JGH,CFM), 28 on 4/3 (M&PWT).

Spur-winged plover *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

[N] Whangarei H; 17 on 27/11, 58 on 17/6. Waipu E; 35+ on 27/11, 35 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 120 on 27/11, 101 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] L Karapiro; 42 on 28/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). Kawhia H; 35 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). L Arapuni; 38 on 27/3. L Atiamuri; 48 on 16/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). [BP] Kaituna Cut; max 100 on 22/6 (PCML). Rangitaiki RM; 38 on 18/6 (JAB). Waiau E; 50 on 12/7 (WHS). [G/W] Whakaki Lag; max 217 on 23/6 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 118 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Te Whiti; 100+ on 20/5 (TCD).

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 498 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen). Henderson Bay; 62 on 14/11. East B; max 166 on 2/4 (AV&LH). [N] Whangarei H; 27 on 11/3. Waipu E; 10 on 11/3 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 212 on 27/11, 71 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen); Big Sand I; max 300 on 22/1 (GNG,MKT); Papakanui Spit; 37 on 12/9 (GAP). Mangawhai H; 9 on 8/1 (KMH). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; max 386 on 8/4 (DAL,AMH). [Wk] Raglan H; 4 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Kaituna Cut; max 15 on 27/2 (PCML). [G/W] Portland I; max 150 on 25/12 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; present Oct-Jan, max 2 on 15/12 (PJF,BAH). Pungareere Stm; 3 on 25/9 & 1 on 21/11 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 from Oct to Jan, then 5 on 24/1 (JL&MM,IS,BJT). [HB] Waitangi E; 5 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen), 8 on 1/12 (MJ).

Japanese snipe *Gallinago hardwickii*

[M] Manawatu E; 1 from 4/12 to 2/4 (T Wilson,JL&MM,IS), 1st record for region, accepted by RBC (IS).

Lesser knot *Calidris canutus*

[FN] Rangaunu H; 2000 on 14/11, c50 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). Henderson Bay; 250 on 14/11 (AV&LH). [N] Whangarei H; c3000 on 27/11, 1483 on 11/3, 18 on 17/6. Ruakaka E; 52 on 27/11. Waipu E; 68 on 27/11. Batley-Tanoa, Kaipara H; 70 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 4778 on 27/11, 100 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). Mangawhai H; 275 on 30/12 (AMH) [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1000 on 14/9, max 10000 on 1/2, 1280 on 12/5 (DAL,AMH). [BP] Maketu E; 54 on 27/2 (PCML). [M] Manawatu E; low nos. Aug to early Oct, max c300 on 5/3, 2 left on 21/5 (JL&MM,IS).

Great knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 3 on 1/2 (DAL,AMH), not submitted or considered by RBC.]

Curlew sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

[A] Sth Kaipara H; 1 on 27/11 & 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen); Big Sand I; 3 on 26/12 (GNG,MKT). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 2 on 14/9, max 13 on 8/4, 5 on 6/5 (DAL,AMH,MF). Miranda; 1 on 31/10 (DAL). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 2/10, 5 from 10/10 to 31/10 dropping to 1 on 7/5 (IS,JL&MM et al).

Sharp-tailed sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

[N] Port Whangarei; 1 on 16/1 & 12-13/2 (GRP). [A] Mangere

SP; 2 on 26/2 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 14/9, max 2 on 4/3 (DAL,AMH). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 4-7/1 (PJF,BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 in Nov & early Dec, 3 late Dec to mid Jan, 1 on 19/3 (IS,JL&MM et al).

Pectoral sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

[M] Manawatu E; 2 on 23/11, 3 from 11/12 to 15/4, 1 till 7/5 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 13/11 (OSNZ cen), 4 on 13/2, 27/2 & 4/3 (M&PWT).

Red-necked stint *Calidris ruficollis*

[A] Sth Kaipara H; 21 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen); Big Sand I; 8 on 28/9, 13 on 26/12 (GNG,MKT). Mangawhai H; 1 on 30/12 (AMH), 2 on 15/1 & 3 on 30/1 (KMH). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 6 on 14/9, max 22 on 4/3, 3 on 6/5 (DAL,AMH). [BP] Maketu E; 2 on 27/2 (PCML). [G/W] Waipaoa E; 1 on 17/10 (GAF). [M] Manawatu E; 1 overwintered, 3 on 17/10, 5-8 till 8/4, down to 1 on 30/4 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Porangahau E; 9 on 29/11, 2 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Broad-billed sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 28/11, 20/2, 8/4 & 6/5 (DAL,AMH), not submitted or considered by RBC.]

Eastern curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 1 on 2/11 (GRP). Walker I, Rangaunu H; 6 on 14/11 (GRPLHo,SG). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 4 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 15/8, 2 on 14/9, max 8 on 20/2 (DAL,AMH). [BP] Maketu E; 2 on 28/11 (PCML). Ohiwa H; 1 on 7/2/99 (BHS).

Asiatic whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus variegatus*

[Wk] Kawhia H; 1 on 5/7 & 2 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen).

American whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*

[A] Clifton B, Howick 1 on 6/3 (BK).

Whimbrel ssp. *Numenius phaeopus ssp.*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 11 in Dec (DSe). Walker I, Rangaunu H; 26 on 14/11 (GRPLHo,SG). [N] Whangarei H; 24 on 7/1 (GRP), 21 on 11/3 (OSNZ cen). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 6 on 8/4 (AMH). [BP] Ohiwa H; 8 on 19/3 (JAB). [G/W] Maungawhio Lag; 3 on 10/10, 4 on 19/12 (GAF,DSF,MAF). [HB] Porangahau E; 1 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Eastern bar-tailed godwit *Limosa lapponica baueri*

[FN] Parengarenga H; 3606 on 13/11, 117 on 24/6. Rangaunu H; 4000 on 14/11, c164 on 25/6 (OSNZ cen). Henderson Bay; 350 on 14/11 (AV&LH). [N] Whangarei H; 3860+ on 27/11, 2330 on 11/3, 354 on 17/6. Waipu E; 150+ on 27/11, 169 on 11/3. Nth Kaipara H; 3400 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 8717 on 27/11, 1328 on 1/7/00 (OSNZ cen). Mangawhai H; 500 on 30/12 (AMH). Omaha-Whangateau; 81 on 7/4 (SPC). Okiwi E, Great Barrier I; 50 on 30/1 (ADL). Auckland Airport; 5000 on 7/2 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; max 8000 on 7/3, min 455 on 6/5 (DAL,AMH). Matarangi; max 1300 on 12/2 (BAW). [Wk] Raglan H; c700 on 28/11. Aotea H; 23 on 5/7, 2950 on 27/11 & 206 on 17/6. Kawhia H; 93 on 5/7, 6678 on 27/11 & 238 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H; 4510 on 14/11, 662 on 24/6 (OSNZ cen). Kaituna Cut; max 750 on 28/11 (PCML). Ohiwa H; c3000 on 7/2/99 (BHS), max 3500 on 30/11 (WMH). [T] Waiongana E; max 17 on 7/10 (PJF). [M] Manawatu E; 50+ overwintered, max 545 on 13/11, then 40+ overwintering (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 64 on 2/10 (JGH,CFM), 131 on 13/11, 41 on 17/6. Porangahau E; 387 on 20/11, 111 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

Asiatic black-tailed godwit *Limosa limosa melanuroides*

[G/W] Waipaoa E; 2 on 17/10 (GAF,DSF,MAF).]

Hudsonian godwit *Limosa haemastica*

[N] Marsden Pt; 1 on 27/11 (PMC,PRS).]

Siberian tattler *Tringa brevipes*

[A] Mangawhai H; 1 on 4/9 (GNG,MKT) & between 15/9 & 15/1 (KMH,GRP). Mangere SP; 1 on 14/3 (HRC). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 15/8 (DAL). [M] Manawatu E; 1 from 28/11 to 14/4 (JL&MM,IS), recorded 11 consecutive years (IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 19/1 (BMS), & 13/4 (M&PWT).]

Wandering tattler *Tringa incana*

[BP] Whale I; 1 on 6/2/99 (BHS).]

Tattler *Tringa* sp.

[G/W] Mahia Pen; 2 on 24/7 (GAF,DSF,MAF).

Brown skua *Catharacta skua lonnbergi*

[BP] Pudney Rock; 1 on 10/7. Astrolobe Rock; 1 on 6/8 (JEH).

Arctic skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

[N] Whangarei H; 2 off Hewlett's Pt on 6/7 (I Hogarth per GRP). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 4/3 (DAL,AMH). [Wk] Kawhia H; 1 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). Marokopa; 2 on 13/2 (AS&JMR). Taharoa; 1 on 16/3 (HJC). [BP] BP waters; records of both colour phases from Kaituna Cut, Ohope & Ohiwa Nov-Mar (PCML,WMH). [G/W] Portland I; 2 on 25/12 (GAF). [T] Single sightings at Awakino, Waiongana E, New Plymouth, Sugar Loaf Is, Komene Rd & Pungareere Stm and 2 at Oaonui Dunes Oct-March (BAH). [M] Foxton B; several sightings Oct to April, 1 resting on mudflats on 27/4 (JL&MM,IS).

Pomarine skua *Stercorarius pomarinus*

[SA] Miranda; 1 flew over disturbing waders at Taramaire on 17/2 (DAL). [G/W] Portland I; 1 over tern colony, landed briefly on 25/12 (GAF). [T] Sugar Loaf Is; 1 on 8/1 (BAH).

Southern black-backed gull *Larus dominicanus*

[N] Whangarei H; 248 on 27/11. Ruakaka E; 49 on 27/11, 126 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Kawhia H; max 191 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen).

Red-billed gull *Larus novaehollandiae scopulinus*

[N] Whangarei H; 229+ on 11/3, 232 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wk] Taharoa; max 144 on 31/7 (HJC,ZMJ,ABC). [G/W] Portland I; 190 birds, 59 nests on 1/12 (GAF).

Black-billed gull *Larus bulleri*

[SA] Seagrove, Manukau H; nesting colony of c300 birds wiped out by harriers in Dec (DAL,AMH). [BP] Ohiwa H; 6 on 19/6 (WMH). [G/W] Portland I; 5 prs nesting in mixed colony with red-billed gulls & white-fronted terns on 24/12 (GAF).

White-winged black tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

[SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 15/8 (DAL). [T] Bell Block SP; 1 in breeding plumage on 27-28/11 (PJF,BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 in non breeding plumage on 9/1, accepted by RBC (IS,OSNZ). [HB] Ahuriri E; 3 on 13/2 (M&PWT). Waitangi E; 2 on 18/10 (JA), 1 on 11/5 (KVT,BMT).

Gull-billed tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

[HB] L Poukawa; 1 on 5/6 (IS).]

Black-fronted tern *Sterna albobriata*

[N] Marsden Pt; 1 on 10/8 (AGo,PRS). [BP] Rangitaiki RM; max 16 on 30/6 (WMH,JAB). [T] Timaru Stm; 2 immms on 2/3 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 18/7, 1 imm on 5/3, a really bad year (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Waitangi E; 1 on 26/4, 20 on 13/5 (BMS) & 4/7 (M&PWT), c40 on 5/6 (OSNZ).

Caspian tern *Sterna caspia*

[N] Whangarei H; 125 on 27/11. Ruakaka E; 24 on 27/11. Waipu E; 20 on 11/3, 6 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai

H; 146 prs, at least 100 chs fledged (KMH,GRP). Auckland Airport; 30 on 7/4 (HRC). [SA] Matarangi; 12 on 21/1. Wharekaho; 10 on 24/1 (BAW). [Wk] Waikorea B; 5 on 23/9 (HJC). Waikato R, 14kms nth of Meremere; 11 on 5/4 (PDC). L Whakamaru; 23 on 18/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). Raglan H; 13 on 28/11 & 18 on 19/7 (OSNZ cen). Ruapuke; max 6 on 17/12 (AS&JMR). Aotea H; 10 on 5/7, 13 on 27/11 & 17 on 17/6. Kawhia H; 27 on 5/7, 61 on 27/11 & 39 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Tauranga H; 181 on 14/11, 19 on 24/6 (OSNZ cen). Aerodrome Bay; 30 on 11/6 (L&GB). Little Waihi; max 8 on 28/11 (PCML). Ohiwa H; 26 on 7/2/99 (BHS). [G/W] Portland I; 4 prs with young on 24/12 (GAF). [HB] Waitangi E; 20 on 11/5 (KVT). Tūkituki E; 10 on 30/4 (M&PWT). Porangahau E; 47 on 20/11, 8 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Henley L; 1 on 23/9 (AH).

White-fronted tern *Sterna striata*

[FN] Walker I, Rangaunu H; c1100 birds nesting on 14/11 (GRPLHo, SG). [N] Batley-Tānoa, Kaipara H; 56 on 28/11 (OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai H; 707 nests on 24/11 (KMH,GRP). [SA] Seagrove, Manukau H; colony wiped out by harriers in late Dec (AMH,DAL). Grey B, Kuaotuna; 300 on 24/1 (BAW). [Wk] Waikorea B; max 108 on 26/11 (HJC). Nth Raglan B-Mussel Rocks; 105 on 13/2 (WLR). Kawhia H; max 170 on 27/11 (OSNZ cen). Taharoa; max 157 on 11/8 (HJC). [BP] Tauranga H; 126 on 14/11 (OSNZ cen). Kaituna Cut; max 115 on 28/11. Little Waihi; max 52 on 28/11 (PCML,JAB). Otamarakau; 100 on 14/12. Rangitaiki RM; 260 on 14/12. Tarawera RM; 200 on 14/12 (JAB). Ohiwa H; max 500 on 29/10 (WMH). [G/W] Portland I; 260 ads, c120 chs on 24/12 (GAF). [HB] Napier-Marine Parade B; c180 on 12/6 (M&PWT). Waitangi E; c1800 nesting on 13/11 (OSNZ cen).

NZ fairy tern *Sterna nereis davisae*

[N] Waipu E; 2 prs, 4 nesting attempts, 3 chs hatched, 1 fledged (JP,KMH,GRP). [A] Mangawhai E; pr with 2 eggs on 3/11 (AVW,MS,DD), hatching 18-19/11 suggests eggs laid on 29-30/10 making it the earliest ever nest; 3 prs in total nested, 5 chs hatched, 4 fledged (KMH,GRP). [M] Manawatu E; 1 c/b on 19/12, accepted by RBC (R&PS,TK,NP), previous years' ch from Mangawhai (GRP).

Eastern little tern *Sterna albifrons sinensis*

[FN] Walker I, Rangaunu H; 18 on 14/11 (GRPLHo,SG). [A] Tāpora sand I, Kaipara H; 1 imm on 12/8 (GRP). [SA] Kidds, Manukau H; 1 on 15/8, 6 (2 Asiatic & 2 Australian race, based on breeding plumage) on 25/10, max 10 on 26/12, still 7 on 6/5, 2 seen on 17/2 incl. 1 banded in Japan on 20/6/99 as ch (DAL,AMH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 overwintered and stayed until 21/5, 2 on 3/10 & 17/10 (IS,BJT et al).

Common tern *Sterna hirundo*

[M] Manawatu E; 1 between 21/1 & 19/3, accepted by RBC, could have been 3 individuals (IS,JL&MM,TK,NP).

NZ pigeon *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

[Wk] Waingarō Bush; 16 flying over on 5/4 (RSWS). [BP] No.3 Rd, Tē Puke; seen every day Jul/Aug, less frequently in summer, then again in May, max 4 seen (PCML). Mt Tawhiuau, Kawerau; 6 on 29/8 (JAB). [G/W] Kaitawa; 40+ in mixture of native & exotic trees (GAF). [Wr] Rimutaka Range; 14 on 14/10 (GD).

Barbary dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*

[HB] East Clive; 5 on 11/5 (KVT), population been here for a few years, appears to be spreading (MT).

Spotted dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

[SA] Whenuakite, Coromandel; 1 on 1/2 (AW). [Wk]

Westlands GC; 2 on 15/2 (RSWS). [VP] Murupara/Galatea area; several present in Jan/Feb (KOW).

Sulphur-crested cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*

[A] Cascades, Waitakere Range; 10 on 16/5 (CS). [SA] Kawakawa Bay; 5 on 2/7 (KRB). [Wk] Four Brothers Walkway, Raglan Rd; 1 on 12/9 (CAB). Aotea H; 2 in Sept. (CKA). Rare in this southern Waikato area (DJR). [BP] Tē Matai Rd, Tē Puke; some heard on 21/2, 2 seen on 23/2 (PCML). Ranguru School; 25 on 2/4 (RL).

North Island kaka *Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis*

[N] Bream Head SR; 3 on 3/9 (CJB), 12-15 (9 flying in flock) on 1/12 (GRP). [A] Baddeley's B, Warkworth; 1 on 26/2. Birkenhead; 1 on 6/3 (MPG). Waitarua, W Auckland; 1 on 12/6 (ACR). [SA] Ponsford Rd, Whitu; 1 on 12/9 (DAL). [Wk] Paeroa; 1 eating apples on 16/6 (CK). Tahuna; 3 in eucalypts for several days in April (MSc). [BP] Mt Tawhiuau, Kawerau; 1 on 29/6 (JAB). Reeve Rd, Ohiwa; 1 on 20/7 (WHS). [VP] Rangataua F; 9 during Mar (KO). [HB] Boundary Stm SR; 2 on 5/5 (TAS). [Wr] Greytown; 1 on 31/5 (WT).

Eastern rosella *Platycercus eximius*

[Wk] Near Matamata; flock of 24 on 12/7 (I&NJD). Upper Awakino V; 23 on 11/2 (A&JMR). [VP] Waimarino F, Raetihi; 3 on 12/10. Not previously known here (KO). [T] Waitaanga CA; max 10 on 24/2 (BAH). Mokau; 5 on 15/5 (DGM,BAH). Mohakatino; 2 on 11/3 (PJF). Mangamahoe L; 5 on 11/5 (IHD). Barrett's Lag; 2 on 10/10 (OSNZ).

Red-crowned parakeet *Cyanoramphus novaeseelandiae*

[VP] Rangataua F; 6 on 6/12 (KO).

Yellow-crowned parakeet *Cyanoramphus auriceps*

[VP] Tongariro NP; 1 near Mangaehuehu Hut on 19/5 (KO). [W] Smith's Ck, Kaitoke; 2 on 23/10 (MP). Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt; 1 on fringe of flock of Eastern rosellas, feeding on Acacias on 7/6 (ML).

Shining cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; 1st record on 19/9 (AJG). [N] Kamo; 1st heard on 16/9 (PRS). [Wk] Cambridge; 1st heard on 8/9 (BHS). [G/W] Wairoa; bird calling at 0230 hrs (full moon) on 25/10 (GAF). [T] Rotokare L 1st record on 16/9 (DGM,BAH et al). [M] 1st record at Round Bush on 9/10 (JL&MM). [Wr] Mt Bruce; 1st record on 29/9 (GH).

Long-tailed cuckoo *Eudynamis taitensis*

[BP] Katikati; 1 on 1/5 (J.Hague). Tē Puna; 2 on 10/3 (PCML). Mt Tawhiuau, Kawerau; 1 on 9/1 (JAB). Whitikau R, Toatoa; 2 heard on 23/1. Opotiki; 1 on 14/3, hit window (WHS). [VP] Waimarino F, Raetihi; 1 calling at 10.30pm on 7/3 (KO). [T] Waitaanga CA; 1 on 6/10 (DGM). Moki CA; 1 on 22/2 (IHD). [Wr] Totara Flats, Tararua Range; 1 on 25/1 (GD).

Spine-tailed swift *Hirundapus caudacutus*

[Wk] Hamilton Gardens; 1 on 23/12 (BA&BWW), accepted by RBC.

NZ kingfisher *Halcyon sancta vagans*

[Wk] Raglan H; 3 on 4/7, 7 on 28/11 & 5 on 19/6. Kawhia H; 5 on 5/7, 4 on 27/11 & 16 on 17/6 (OSNZ cen). [VP] Waimarino F, Raetihi; 2 in dense pine forest on 5/12 (KO). [G/W] Muriwai Lag; 14 on 17/6 (GAF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 31 on 17/6. Porangahau E; 78 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen).

NZ pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*

[N] Baylys B to Mahuta Gap; regular counts, 9 on 10/7, 5 on 7/8, 8 on 2/10, 2 on 6/11, 7 on 4/12, 7 on 15/1, 6 on 12/2, 2 on 18/3, 8 on 15/4 & 9 on 11/6 (PRS et al). [Wk] Waikorea B; max 5 on 10/8 (HJC). Nth Raglan Ocean B; max 3 on 18/11.

Ruapuke B; max 9 on 30/3 (AS&JMR). Taharoa; max 4 on 1/12 (HJC). [BP] Toatoa area; numerous on 23/1 (WHS). [G/W] Portland I; 3 on island on 24-28/12 (GAF). [T] New Plymouth; 1 on 22/9 (PJF). Komene Dune L; 1 on 9/8 (BAH). [M] Ashurst; 2 on 24-25/10 (IS). Manawatu E; 2 on 17/7 (JL&MM). Ohau E; 1 on 7/6 (BJT). Rarely reported in region (IS).

Hedge sparrow *Prunella modularis*

[Wk] Te Kauri Park; present on 29/1-1/2 (AS&JMR). Wairere Track, Kaimai Range; 1 near falls lookout on 7/8. Hedge sparrows are quite unusual in Waikato, particularly from forest areas (DJR).

Blackbird *Turdus merula*

[N] Kamo; 1st song on 3/8 (PRS). [SA] Clarks B; 1st song on 4/7 (SC).

North I fernbird *Bowdleria punctata vealeae*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd, Oruaiti R; heard on 13/9 (AJG). [N] Port Whangarei; 1 on 20/2, the 1st seen here in 100+ visits (GRP). [SA] Awahiti Park; 2 on 4/1 (VMR). [Wk] L Ngaroto; 1 seen, 1 heard on 28/6. Aotea H; 2 on 14/2. Waiharakeke Stm, Kawhia H; 2 heard on 20/6. Rakaunui saltmarsh, Kawhia H; 4-5 on 28/1-13/2. L Taharoa; 1 heard on 20/6 (AS&JMR). [T] Mokau E; 2 on 7/8, 4 on 26/1 (BAH). Waitaanga CA; 1 on 26/5 (DGM,BAH). Colin Bird's, Kaka Rd; max 3 on 17/10 & 30/4 (PJF). Rotokare L; max 5 on 22/9 (BAH,DGM).

Whitehead *Mohoua albigilla*

[Wk] Wairere Track, Kaimai Range; small flock near waterfall on 7/8 (DJR). Lakes Waipapa, Whakamaru & Ohakuri; commonly heard in pine plantations & scrub 17-20/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). [BP] Mt Tawhiuau, Kawerau; 6 on 9/1. Mt Tarawera; 10 on 22/8 (JAB). [G/W] Wharerata SR; c12 on 17/6 (GAF).

North I fantail *Rhipidura fuliginosa placabilis*

[Wk] Waikato Polytech, Hamilton; 1 black phase on 6/4 (per CSK). [G/W] Willowflat; 25+ in small grove of totara on 27/5 (GAF). [M] Pohangina V; 2 black phase (MB).

North I tomtit *Petroica macrocephala toitoi*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; increased nos. from spring to winter, singing well in May/June (AJG). [N] Bratty's Bush, Ngunguru; 1 on 3/3. Pukenui walkway; pr on 25/7. Whanui F, Whareora; pr on 19/7 (CLB). [A] Rangitoto I; 1 male on 8/4 (SF). Waiatarua, W Auckland; 1 on 22-24/8, species spreading, 1st record at this site (ACR). [Wk] Karakariki Track, Whatawhata; 1 seen, 2 heard on 25/6. Waiharakeke V, Kaimai Range; 2 in rough pasture on 20/6 (AS&JMR). L Arapuni; 2 on 27/3 (AS&JMR,TBS&DT). Upper Awakino V; present on 11/2 (AS&JMR). All these records are either new, unusual or have not been recorded for a few years (DJR).

North I robin *Petroica australis longipes*

[T] Mokau E; 1 on 13/8, 1st record for this area (BAH). Rotokare L; 1 on 26/8, imm male, 1st record for this reserve (DGM,BAH).

Silvereye *Zosterops lateralis*

[FN] Kohumaru Rd; very noticeably increased nos. in spring/winter, fledglings being fed on 29/3 (AJG).

Bellbird *Anthornis melanura*

[Wt] Greytown; 1 on 1/9 (A Pyl).

Tui *Prosthamadera novaeseelandiae*

[FN] Kaitia Reservoir Hill; 2 or 3 present most of period (AV&LH). Kohumaru Rd; 1 feeding on flowering tutu on 27/11 (AJG). [Wk] Near Mangatawhiri Dam; 1 at top of rimu snapping at a swarm of bees, apparently eating them on 13/3 (AS&JMR,BHS). Waingaro; several feeding on putaputaweta fruits on 1/9 (RSWS). Hakarimata Range; 1 feeding on totara on 22/1 (SB). Upper Awakino V; feeding on kaikomako fruits on 11/2 (AS&JMR). [BP] Papamoa; 2 feeding on *Banksia integrifolia* on 15/6 (PCML). [W] Golden Gate, Paremata; 1 often feeding in bluegums in July (RR).

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*

[N] Glenbervie; c100 on 9/7 (LS,PRS,EWG). [G/W] Manutuke; many 1000s on corn stubble on 17/6 (GAF).

Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

[T] Waiongana E; 150+ on 3/10 (PJF).

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

[VP] Mt Ruapehu; 1 at 1600m on 23/6 (KO).

Redpoll *Carduelis flammea*

[G/W] Whakaki; c50 on 19/12 (GAF). [Wt] Waiohine; 24 on 4/3 (GD).

House sparrow *Passer domesticus*

[G/W] Manutuke; many 1000s on corn stubble on 17/6 (GAF).

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

[G/W] Whakaki; c7000 on grass & dunes on 23/6 (GAF).

Indian myna *Acridotheres tristis*

[VP] L Rotoiti; 1 albino in Sept 98 (SB). [Wt] Te Ore Ore, Masterton; 1 on 5/8 (MK).

North I kokako *Callaeas cinerea wilsoni*

[SA] Hunua Range; 4 prs reported in Jan (DAL). [VP] Rotochou F; 4 on 5/3 (KO). Pongakawa; pr + others on 13/8 (KOW).

Australian magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

[FN] Stoney Ck, Taupo Bay Rd; 2 on 29/5. Otangaroa Rd; 2 on 10/6. Rare in the far north (AJG). [Wk] Hamilton L; 1 attacking juv black shag on 29/10 (MLDS). [VP] Ohakune Mt Rd; 1 black-backed at DoC centre 1999 (KO). [G/W] Wairoa; group of 43 on road verge on 15/12 (GAF).

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

[G/W] Wairoa; c.50 circling upwards in thermal for about 10 minutes on 23/10 (GAF). [T] New Plymouth; 1-2 seen in city throughout year (DG&JCM,BAH). [M] Sanson c40 in Oct/Nov but not since (IS). Pohangina V; very large flock of c250 on 7/2 (MB).

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