

CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES, SOUTH ISLAND AND OUTLYING ISLANDS, 1 JULY 2002 TO 30 JUNE 2003

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Regional Recorders: D. Cooper – Nelson, C. Hill – Canterbury/West Coast, J. Wilson – Otago, P. Rhodes – Southland, D. Thompson – Campbell Is.

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

Abbreviations: acc accepted; ad adult; AF Airfield; arr arrival, asl above sea level; B Beach; BP Banks Peninsula; bot botanic, Br bridge, c. approximately; CG camp ground, Ch channel, conf confirmed, Crk Creek; E East; Est Estuary; f female; fo forest, gdn garden, grp group; Hbr Harbour; Hd Head; HQ Headquarters; ha hectare; h hours; imm immature; incl including; I Island; Is Islands; It inlet, Junc junction, juv juvenile; km kilometres; L Lake; Lgn Lagoon; max maximum; m metres; min minimum; Mt Mount; Mts Mountains; NP National Park; Nth North; pr pair; Pk Peak; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; Ra Range R River; RM River Mouth; Rd Road; Sa saddle, ssp sandspit, SP Sewage Ponds; Shb shellbank, Sd Sound; Shw state highway; Sth South; Stm Stream; SF State Forest; Stn Station; Str Strait; Trk Track; U upper, V Valley; W West, Wtd Wetland, xfer transfer.

Australasian crested grebe *Podiceps cristatus australis* [CA] L Forsyth 83, 22/6 (CH). 101 on 20/6, Coopers Lagoon 1 imm, 28/6 (SB).

NZ dabchick *Podiceps rufopectus* [MA] Taylor Dam near Blenheim, 1 on 20 & 21/10/02 (TC).

Australasian little grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* [NE] Dune Lake near Puponga. Single bird seen on 4 occasions, 29/7/02 - 14/1/03 (CP). 2 seen on 4 sightings between 2/8/02 and 31/5/03 (PF). [CA] L Poerua (WC). 2 on 2/6/02 (NA).

Shy mollymawk *Diomedea cauta cauta* [NE] Nelson Haven, Sewerside Dr, 18/2/03, Farewell Spit, 1 at sea, at least 1 as above on 19/4/03 & 1/6/03. (PF)

Southern giant petrel *Macronectes giganteus* [SO] Invercargill E; 1 found dead 16/9/02. Unusual to find in this location (PR).

Chatham I mollymawk *D. cauta eremita* [MA] Kaikoura pelagic trip, 1 on 1/12/01 (AC).

Fluttering shearwater *Puffinus gavia* [OT] Nuggets, 6 on 1/1/03 (R&SS).

Fairy prion *Pachyptila turtur* [MA] Kaikoura Pelagic trip, 50+ on 27/12/01 (AC).

Salvin's prion *Pachyptila salvini* [SO] Stead St bridge area, Invercargill; 1 picked up alive 13/1/03, later released (PR).

Cook's petrel *Pterodroma cookii* [MA] Kaikoura pelagic trip, 1 on 27/12/01 (AC).

King penguin *Aptenodytes patagonicus* [CAI] Capstan Cove, 2 ad moulting on 1-23/2/03 (DT).

Royal penguin *Eudyptes chrysolophus schlegeli* [CAI] Penguin Bay, 1 ad moulting on 1-23/2/03 (DT).

Erect-crested penguin *Eudyptes sclateri* [CAI] Northwest Bay sites, up to 12 moulting on 1-23/2/03. Most killed & eaten by brown skuas (DT).

Australasian gannet *Morus serrator* [MA] Kaikoura pelagic trip, 1 on 27/12/01 (AC).

Pied shag *Phalacrocorax varius* [WC] Hokitika R M, 1 on 2/6/02 (DAP). [CA] Manuka Bay, 3 on 22/6. Port Levey, Horomaka Island, 13 active nests, 9 adults present on 24/11 (SB).

Little black shag *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* [NE] Roosting at Taupata Pt, 5 on 10/7/02 (CP), 6 on 21/4/03. Pakawau, 7 on 21/4/03, 4 on 31/5/03. (PF). [CA] Taranaki Crk, Waikuku 1 on 4/10/01 (NA).

Little shag *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos* [CA] Ashley Est. max 15 on 5/6/02 (NA). [OT] Hawksbury Lagoon, 2 on 17/7/02 (DY). Karitane, 1 on 21/9/02 (DO).

Spotted shag *Stictocorax punctatus* [NE] Puponga near Abel Hd, 50 on 1/3/03, c.100 on 26/4/03 (PF). [MA] Ohau Pt, Kaikoura, 2 nesting pairs on 7/11 (TC). Ashley Est, max 80 on 26/1/02 (NA).

White-necked heron *Ardea pacifica* [NE] Patarau RM, 1 on 10/9/02 (DF & SW, DOC). Mangarakau, 1 on 6/12/

02 (ES). [OT] Totara Reserve, 1 on 24/1/03,(conf. AH); first for Otago, acc by RBC. 1 on 21/3/03 (A&CW).

White heron *Egretta alba* [NE] Puponga Estuary, 1 regular summer sighting 28/9/02. Parapara Inlet/Pakawau, 1 on 22/4/03 (PF). Rough Is, 1 in channel on 18/5/03 (DC). [CA] C.Hill's Farm, 1 on 10/7, roosting with White faced herons.(CH). Waipara RM, 1 on 4/10/01. Ashworths Lgns, 1 on 29/7/01, Ashley Est, 1 on 21/701, 2 on 24/3/02, 1 on 9/5/02.(NA.) Springs Junc, 1 in a ditch on 4/6/02.(DP). [OT] All Day Bay Lgn, 1 on 9/3/03, 1 on 13/6/03, 1 on 14/6/03 (AB). Waianakarua RM, 1 on 3/4/03 (AB). Hawksbury Lgn, 1 on 10/8/02 (LG) and 1 on 8/9/02 (A&CW). [SO] Waituna Lagoon; 2 during winter feeding in swede paddock adj to lagoon (J. Crack per PR). Athol; 1 in June reported around hills. Possibly the southern limit of normal range (LE)

Little egret *Egretta garzetta* [NE] Rough Is. Chs, 1 on 4 occs 15/1/03 to 7/5/03 (PF).

Reef heron *Egretta sacra* [NE]Westhaven Inlet, 1 on 1/7/02, Ligar Bay, 2 on 6/4/03 (CP). [SO] Arthur R trib, pr on 8/2/03 (GP).

Cattle egret *Bubulcus ibis* [NE] Aorere River, 5 on 31/7/02, 6 on 28/10/02, 4 on 12/11/02 (CP). Rough Is Ch 2 on 23/3/03 (DC). 2 on 4 occs 5/1/03 to 21/3/03 (PF). [CA] C.Hill's Farm, 2 on 6/2, 10 on 10/2, 10 on 21/2 (CH). Waikuku 2 on 22/5 (NA). Ashley Est flats, 1 on 2/9 (TC). Station Rd, Rotomanu (WC).7 on 2/6/02 (NA, J&E.J, MO). Waikuku, 2 on 18/5/02, Taranaki Crk , Waikuku, 5 on 27/5.02, Ridge Rd, Greenpark, 13 on 30/8/01 (NA). [OT] West Taieri, E of Contour Ch, 14 on 5/5/03 (PS). Taieri River, nr Henley, 16 on 7/9/02 (A&CW). Titri, West Taieri, 20 on 22/8/02 (PS). Inchclutha, max of 22 mid October (R&SS). [SO] Gorge Road; 14 on farmland on 30/6/03 (LE). Waituna Lagoon; July '02 several feeding in swede paddock adj to lagoon (J. Crack per PR).

Australasian bittern *Botaurus poiclitilus* [NE] Gunnera Flat, Farewell Spit, 1m & 1f, 1/10/02 (PF). [SO] Awarua Bay; 1 on 23/11 (LE) [CA] Yarrs, 1 on 21/5 (CH). Coopers Lgn, 1 on 30/11/01, Hart's Crk, 2 booming at midday on 30/2/02, Wolfes Rd, L.Ellesmere, 1 on 23/2/02 (NA). [OT] Toko Mouth, 1 on 19/7/03 (R&SS).

Glossy ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* [CA] C.Hill's Ponds 2 on 21/9 (CH).

Royal spoonbill *Platalea regia* [NE] Westhaven Inlet, 17 on 1/7/02. Parapara, 15 on 29/7/02. Collingwood, 16 on 17/10/02. Waitapu Wharf, 24 on 1/4/02 (CP). Waimea Estuary west, 63 on 31/5/03. Delaware Bay, 4 on 17/6/03 (PF). [CA] Yarrs, 28 on 21/2/02, 45 on 23/2/02, 7 on 3/3/02, 80+ on 23/3/02 (CH). Ashley Est, max 12 throughout the year, Kaituna Lgn, 83 on 24/2/02 (NA). [OT] Moukietie Is, 6 on 8/9/02 (A&CW). Hawksbury Lgn, 2 on 8/9/02 (A&CW).Waikouaiti R, Karitane, 1 on 8/9/02 (A&CW). Green Is, 11 on 18/9/02, first arr new season (LG). [SO] Omaui Is; 27 on 2/10/02 (LE). Stewart Is; 1 on 10/5/03 (P & I Tait per PR). Mokomoko inlet; 11 on 18/10/02 (PR).

Mute swan *Cygnus olor* [CA] Coopers Lagoon,18 on 23/12/01, 20 on 28/6/02 (SB).

Black swan *Cygnus atratus* [CA] Coopers Lagoon, 169 on 28/6/02 (SB).

Canada goose *Branta canadensis* [NE] Island Lake, Puponga, 1 attacked by Black Swan on 12/11/02 (CP).

Freemans Pond, Farewell Spit 58 on 19/4/03 (PF). [OT] Matau RM lgn, 127 on 25/2/03 (R&SS).

Cape Barren goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae* [CA] Yarrs, 1 on 1/10/01, 1 on 13/12/01, 1 on 21/2/02, 1 on 2/6/02 (CH). St Anne's Lagoon, 6 on 13/7/01 (TC). Taranaki Crk, 1 on 18/8/01 (NA).

Paradise shelduck *Tadorna variegata* [CA] Wigram Retention Basin, 46 on 9/3/02, Bexley Wetland, 7 on 27/6/02, Coopers Lgn, 5 on 28/6/02 (SB).

Chestnut-breasted shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* [NE] Natureland Nelson, 1 leaving on 12/2/03 (BenSowry, for PG).

Australian wood duck *Chenonetta jubata* [SO] Otapiri, nr Winton; 1 shot on 4/5/02 UBR 60/02 (LE).

Australasian shoveller *Anas rhynchos* [CA] Wigram Retention Basin, 22 on 9/3/02 (SB). [OT] Matau RM lgn, 180 on 25/2/02 (R&SS).

Grey teal *Anas gracilis* [OT] Matau RM lgn, 157 on 25/2/03 (R&SS).

NZ scaup *Aythya novaeseelandiae* [CA] C.Hill's Pond 1 on 10/5/02 (CH).Travis wetland, main lake,30 on 27/6/02. Bexley Wetland, 11 on 27/6/02. Wigram R.B, 125 on 9/3/02. L Forsyth, 713 on 20/6/02. Harts Ck, 81 on 18/8/01 (SB). Ashley River, 1 Female on 14/7/01 (TC). Kaiapoi Ponds, max 429 on 9/5/02 (NA). [OT] All Day Bay Lgn, 2 on 9/5/03 (AB).Telford, Balclutha, 2 on 2/11/02 (R&SS).

NZ falcon *Falco novaeseelandiae* [NE] Golden Downs Forest, 1 hawking low on 22/3/03 (WC&DC). Ruby Bay, 1 on 6/4/03 (PF). [CA] 1 on 6/3/02 at Chilly str, Hawkswood Range. Seaward Valley Scenic Res, 1 on 9/3 /02 (J&SR). [OT] Shag Valley, 1 on 15/6/03 (AB).Portobello Rd, 1 on 5/3/03, 1 on 11/5/03 (A&CW). Dunedin Bot Gds, 1 on 22/6/03 (AB). Taieri R Millennium Trk, 2 on 7/7/02, xferring food (R&SS). Stoneburn, 1 on 8/3/03. Lindis Valley, 1 on 2/4/03 (AB). [SO] U Waikaia V; 1 on 26/2/03 (S & J Rowe). Omaui ; 1 on 21/4/03 (E. Black per LE). Mt Wendon; 1 on 27/4/03 chasing Harrier hawk, Pukerau; 1 on 25/4 (Otago OSNZ).

Banded rail *Gallirallus philippensis* [NE] Sewerside Dr. Nelson, 2 ad & 1 juv on 29/10/02, 1 on 3/11/02. Rough Is causeway, 1 on 30/10/02, 2 on 31/11/02, 2 on 24/1/03. Delaware Bay, 1 on 17/6/03.(PF). Venture Ck, Able Tasman NP, 2 on 30/12/02 (CM).

Marsh crane *Porzana pusilla* [NE] Riwaka, 1 resident in creek during 3/03 (DM, GP). [OT] Otematata, 2 or 3 heard & 1 seen on 25 & 26/4/030 (R&SS).

Pukeko *Porphyrio porphyrio* [CA] C Hills Ponds, up to 80 during the year. Wigram R.B, 3 on 9/3/02 (SB). Taranaki Ck, max 149 on 14/7/01 (TC). [OT] Papanui Inlet, 1 on 5/7/03 (A&CW).

California quail *Callipepla californica* [NE] Is L Puponga, 1 ch on 17/10/02, 3 ch on 30/11/02. L Killarney, Takaka, 1 juv on 4/3/03 (CP). Founders Park, Nelson, 1 on pond 12/9/02, 2 on pond 3/10/02, 9/1/03, 1 on 27/2/03 (PF). [SO] Athol; around hills 6/03, possibly the sthn limit of normal range (LE).

Australian coot *Fulica atra australis* [CA] Kaiapoi Ponds, 64+ on 23/6/01 (TC). Taranaki Crk,1 on 31/7/01 (NA). [OT] Balclutha, 1 on 4/11/01, 3 to 4 prs on 14/2/02 (R&SS). [SO] Tinkertown, nr Nightcaps; 4 on 20/6/03, rarity in SO (LE).

SI pied oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus finschi* [CA] Embankment Rd, 40 on 22/6/02 (JaW, DaC). Washdyke Lagoon, 2 on 20/6/02. Opihi RM, 7 on 20/6/02. Ashley Est, max 479 on 26/1/02 (NA).

Variable oystercatcher *Haematopus unicolor* [CA] Yarrs, 2 juv on 23/3/02 (FS, CH et al.). Gore Bay, 6 on 22/6/02 (SB). Washdyke Lgn, 1 on 20/6/02 (NA). [SO] Awarua Bay; 6 on 21/6/03, only "waders" seen on winter wader count (LE).

Australasian pied stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus* [CA] Clarkes, 70+ on 5/8/01. Kaitorete spit/Selwyn RM, 315 on 22/6/01 (CH). Washdyke Lgn, 73 on 20/6/01. Ki-Wainono, 54 on 20/6/01. Ashley Est, max 93 on 5/8/01. Greenpark Sands, 1476 on 30/11/01 & 1449 on 23/2/02 (NA).

Black stilt *Himantopus novaehollandiae* [NE]. Old Wharf Rd, Motueka, 1 hybrid on 22/1/03 (PF). [CA] Embankment Rd, 1 with bands 19/1/02 (MR). 1 f-G node 22/6/02 (CH, DaC, KH, JaW). Washdyke Lagoon, 1 f node on 20/6. Ki-Wainono, 1 on 20/6/02. Beach Rd, east of Morven, 1 on 28/4/01 (NA). [OT] Brighton, 3 juv on 17& 18/3/03 (PS). All banded at Twizel in Jan.

Banded dotterel *Charadrius bicinctus* [CA] Kaitorete Spit, 2 at RM. 201 on 22/6/02 (KH, DaC, JaW, CH). Washdyke Lgn, 8 on 20/6/02. Ki-Wainono, 54 on 20/6/02. Ashley Est, max 68 on 7/4/02. Greenpark Sands 1328 on 23/2/02. (NA). [OT] Hoopers It, 89 on 9/6/02, 45 on 5/7/02, 59 on 3/8/02 (A&CW). Matau RM lgn, 14 on 25/2/03 (R&SS).

Black-fronted dotterel *Charadrius melanops* [NE] Brightwater irr ponds, 1 on 29/5/03 (DJ). [CA] Washdyke Lagoon, 1 on 20/6 (NA). [OT] Outram, 3 ad & 1 juv 7/3/03 (PS).

Mongolian dotterel *Charadrius mongolus* [NE] Farewell Spit, inside, 1 on 20/4/03, 1 on 1/6/03 (PF). [CA] Jarvis Rd, 1 on 5/11, adult male (CH).

Wrybill *Anarhynchus frontalis* [CA] Embankment Rd, 4 on 5/8/01, 100+ 4/9/01, 2 on 18/9/01, 10 on 5/11/01, 150 +13/1/02, 2-300 on 27/1/02, 80+ on 3/3/02 (CH). Ashburton RM Lgn, 1 juv on 22/12/01 (SB, SW, MT, DMc). Waipara RM, 2 on 17/1/02. Ashley Est, max 28 on 18/8/01 (NA). [OT] Kaikorai Est, 1 on 29/10/01 (PS). Inchlutha Lgn, 5 on 13/8/01 (R&SS). [SO] Awarua Bay; 2 on 6/11/02. First SO record for many years (IS).

Pacific golden plover *Pluvialis fulva* [NE] Farewell Spit, 27 on 26/11/02 (CP). Rough Island, 5 on 5/1/03, 2 on 4/2/03. Waimea est west, 21 on 12/2/03 (PF). [CA] Clarkes, 3 on 21/9/01, 3 on 25/9/01, 14 on 3/10/01. Yarrs, 22 on 17/10/01. Jarvis Rd, 37 on 5/11/01 & 21/2/02 (CH). 12 on 23/3/02 (CH). Embankment Rd, 24 on 15/11/01 (TC, JaW, SP). Greenpark Sands, 31 on 30/11/01 (NA). [SO] Invercargill E; 6 on 2/12/02 (PR).

Spur-winged plover *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae* [CA] Waipara RM, 104 on 6/12/01 (NA).

Lesser knot *Calidris canutus* [CA] Yarrs, 1 on 17/10/01, 5 on 17/10/01. Kaitorete Spit tip, 8 on 22/10/01. Embankment Rd, 1 with Orange Flag on rt leg (KH & CH). Embankment Rd, 15 on 15/11 (TC, JaW, SP). Ashley Est, 2 on 17/2/02 (NA). [OT] Hinahina, Sth Otago, 3 on 3/11/02 (R & SS). Papanui It, 1 on 5/12/02 (PS).

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* [CA] Ashburton RM Lgn, 19 on 22/12/01, flew upriver 600-800 m when disturbed (SB, SW, MT, DMc). Embankment Rd, 1 on 10/10/01.

Kaitorete Spit tip, 8 on 22/10/01. Embankment/Jarvis, 5 on 5/11/01, 28 on 15/11/01, 20 on 13/12/01. Yarrs, 23 on 27/1/02, 2 on 23/3/02 (CH). Ashley Est, 2 on 4/11/01 (NA).

Curlew sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* [NE] Farewell Spit, 1 on 29/9/02 (PF). [CA] Clarkes Rd, 2 on 18/9/01. Embankment, 10 on 13/12/01, 7 on 27/1/02, 7 on 17/3/02, 8 on 23/3/02. Kaitorete Spit, 10 on 22/10/01, 2 on 22/6/01 (CH).

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* [SO] Oreti B (Nth ent); 14 on 29/8/02 (PR).

Sharp-tailed sandpiper *Calidris acuminata* [NE] Farewell Spit, Swan L, 1 on 28/10/02 (CP & PF). [CA] Kaitorete Spit tip, 1 on 22/10/01. Jarvis emb, 4 on 22/10/01, 7 on 5/11/01, 13 on 26/11/01, 13 on 13/12/01. Yarrs, 23 on 27/1/02, 17 on 3/3/02, 23 on 17/3/02, max 30 on 23/3/02 (CH, NA). Ki-Wainono Lgns, 8 on 7/12/01 (NA).

Pectoral sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* [CA] Embankment Rd, L. Ellesmere, 6 on 9/12/01, max 12 on 13/12/01, last sightings 8 on 25/3/02 (CH&NA). Ki-Wainono Lgns, just south in paddock, 3 on 7/12/01 (NA). [OT] Karitane, 3 on 22 & 23/3/03 (PS). Matau RM, Inchlutha, 4 on 25/2/03 (R & SS).

Red-necked stint *Calidris ruficollis* [NE] Farewell Spit, Swan Lake, 1 on 18/11/02 (CP). [CA] L. Ellesmere, Clarks Rd, 6 on 5/8/01, 8 on 25/9/01, 29 on 1/10/01, max 106 on 10/2/02, 74 on 23/3/02 (CH & NA).

Eastern curlew *Numenius madagascariensis* [NE] Farewell Spit, 26 on 26/11/02 (CP). Nelson Haven, Sewerside Dr, 1 on 18/2/03 (PF). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 arrived on 4/11/01, 2 summered over, last seen 3/3/02, 1 on 9/5/02 (NA).

Little whimbrel *Numenius minutus* [CA] L. Ellesmere, Clarks Rd, 1 on 26/11/01, 2 on 30/11/01, 1 left a week later, last sighting 1 on 27/1/02 (CH, NA, SW).

Whimbrel sp. *Numenius sp.* [NE] Farewell Spit, 1 on 26/11/02 (CP). Rough Is est, 1 on 24/1/03, 2 on 4/2/03 (PF). Bells Is, 1 on 22/2/03 (PF&DC). 2 on 3/1/03 (HH & DC). Waimea Est w, 2 on 9/4/03 (PF). [CA] Ashley Est, 1 on 6/7 to 23/12/01, 2 from 26/1 to 24/3/02 (NA).

Eastern bar-tailed godwit *Limosa lapponica baueri* [CA] Ashley Est, max 147 on 6/12/01. Avon-Heathcote Est max 1050 on 10/11/01 (NA). L. Ellesmere, 6 on 3/10, 22 on 13/12/01, 16 on 23/3/02 (CH). [OT] Karitane, 100+ on 21/9/02 (DO). Hoopers It, 274 on 7/1/03, 326 on 6/2/03, 392 on 10/3/03, 112 on 14/4/03, 50 on 2/5/03, 38 on 9/6/03 (A & CW).

Siberian tattler *Tringa brevipes* [NE] Taupata Pt, 1 on 6/1/03, 1 on 22/3/03, 1 on 18/5/03 (CP&PF). Motueka Sandspit, 2 on 21/2/03, 2 on 21/3/03 (PF). 2 on 24/12/02, 2 on 7/5/03 (CM).

Red-necked phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* [NE] Farewell Spit, Swan Lake, 1 on 10/10/02, 1 on 28/10/02 (CP & PF). Accepted by RBC.

Oriental pratincole *Glareola maldivarum* [CA] Embankment Rd, 1 adult 4/2/02 (TB). This is a 1st sighting for L. Ellesmere. This bird was seen by most members of the Canterbury OSNZ. Last sighting was on 24/3/02 (CH). **Arctic skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus* [NE] Nelson Haven, Sewerside Dr, 2 at sea 12/11/02, 1 on 14/2/03. Motueka Sp, 1 on 26/2/03. Farewell Spit, inside, 1 on 30/3/03.

Puponga, Abel Head, 1 on 31/5/03 (PF). [SO] Curio Bay; 1 on 10/12/02 chased by white-fronted tern & red-billed gull. (JW). Oreti Beach, (nth ent); 1 on 4/1/03 chasing white-fronted tern (PR).

Brown skua *Catharacta skua* [SO] Mason Bay, Stewart Island; 1 on 3/5/03 (LE).

Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan* [OT] Tomahawk Lagoon, 1 on 2 & 3/7/02 (DY). **RBC UBRS 53/02, 53B/02, 53C/02**, 1st record for NZ; *Notornis* 51: 49-50.

White-winged black tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* [NE] Bells Island shb, 1 on 22/2/03 (DC & PF). Motueka Sandspit, 1 on 26/2/03 (PF).

Caspian tern *Sterna caspia* [OT] Hoopers It, 16 on 6/2/03, 7 on 9/6/03 (A & CW). [SO] Invercargill E shellbanks; c37 nests on 2/12/03 (PR).

White-fronted tern *Sterna striata* [NE] Awaroa, Able Tasman Nat. Park, 250 pairs nesting 28/12/02 (CM).

Little tern *Sterna albifrons* [NE] Motueka Sandspit, 2 on four occs 22/1/03 to 12/3/03 (PF). Bells Is. shb, 1 on 22/2/03 (DC & PF).

Kea *Nestor notabilis* [CA] Culverden, 1 on 11/5 (Mrs I).

SI kaka *Nestor meridionalis meridionalis* [NE] Cobb Valley, 1 or 2 on 21/11/02 (CP).

Eastern rosella *Platyercus eximus* [OT] Kaitangata, 1 on 29/11/02 (R&SS).

Yellow-crowned parakeet *Cyanoramphus auriceps* [OT] Sullivans Dam, Cloud Forest Walkway, 3 on 19/1/03 (MT).

Parakeet sp. *Cyanoramphus* sp. [SO] Waikaia Valley; 2 on 25/2/03 (S & J Rowe).

Shining cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus* [OT] Hoopers It, 1 (first for season) 23/9/02 (A & CW). Dn Bot gds, 1 on 13/3/03 (MT).

Little owl *Athene noctua* [NE] Pakawau, 1 on 17/4/03 (PF). Brooklyn, Riwaka, 1 on 31/12/02 (CM). [OT] Wakari, heard on 18 nights 17/5 - 31/6/03 (JAW).

Morepork *Ninox novaeseelandiae* [NE] Puponga, 1 on 19/4/03, 1 on 21/4/03 (PF). Motueka CG, 1 on 28/12/02 (CM). [OT] Wakari, heard on 6 nights 22/5 - 18/6/03 (JAW).

SI rifleman *Acanthisitta chloris chloris* [OT] Hoopers It, 1 on 3/8/02 (A & CW).

Dunnoek *Prunella modularis* [SO] Invercargill; 1 on 3/4/03, pr caught by Siamese cat. One with legs and tail, the other with wings only (LE).

NZ pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae* [CAI] Penguin Bay, 4 prs on 1 to 23/2/03, flew in from off-shore islets (DT).

SI fernbird *Bowdleria punctata punctata* [MA] Taipari Bay, MA Sounds, 1 on 13/5/03, 3 on 17/5/03 (A & RS).

Brown creeper *Mohoua novaeseelandiae* [NE] Small grp. In *Pinus radiata* trees Golden Downs f, sm gr in *Pinus radiata* 22/3/03 (DC & WC)

SI tomtit *Petroica macrocephala macrocephala* [NE] Bob's Peak, MA Sounds, 1 on 17/5/03 (A & RS).

SI robin *Petroica australis australis* [SO] Waikaia Valley; common 24-28/2/03. Eyre Mts; 2 on 14/3/03 (S & J Rowe).

Bellbird *Anthornis mlanura* [CAI] Camp Cove, Sth w, 1m defending food source on 23/2/03 (DT).

Redpoll *Carduelis carduelis* [SO] Pukerau; 1 in 8/02, white (LE).

Cirl bunting *Emberiza cirlus* [NE] Nelson Sewerside Dr, 1 on 12/11/02. Farewell Spit inside, 1 on 2/3/03. Delaware Bay, 1 on 17/6/03 (PF). 1 male in garden Brooklyn, Riwaka, 1 m on 23/12/02 (CM). Hope Orchard, 1 m 2 f on 23/6/03 (WC). Rough Is, 1 m 3 f on 1/7/03 (WC&DC). [CA] Halswell Quarry, 1 m on 17/10, 1 seen at nest area in gully in 2000/01, 1 m by adjoining boundary, near deep pond in brick quarry 23/12, male seen feeding, loudly calling fledgings in brick quarry 11/1/02, 1 male in Quarry near brick quarry & juv. 29/12/01 (JaW).

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen* [NE] Upper Moutere, 1f on 28/9/02 (PF). 88 Valley, 2 on 4/4/03 (DC&WC).

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* Onekaka, 2 on 6/03. Onekaka wharf, 1 on 5/7/03 (CP).

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