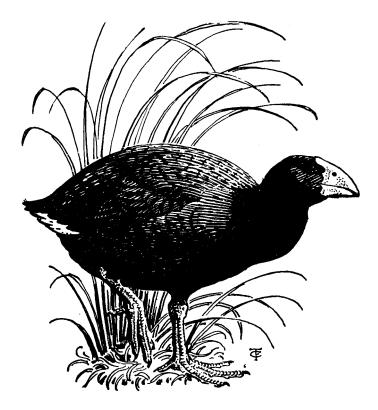
NOTORNIS

Journal of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand



Volume 35 Part 4 December 1988

OFFICERS 1988-89

President – B. BROWN, 20 Redmount Place, Red Hill, Papakura Vice-President – D. E. CROCKETT, 21 McMillan Ave., Kamo, Whangarei Editor – B. D. HEATHER, 10 Jocelyn Crescent, Silverstream Treasurer – W. L. ORMOND, P.O. Box 18430, Glen Innes, Auckland 5 Secretary – SUE TRIGGS, P.O. Box 12397, Wellington

Council Members:

BEN D. BELL, Zoology Dept., Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington BRIAN D. BELL, 9 Ferry Road, Seatoun, Wellington

B. J. GILL, Auckland Institute & Museum, Private Bag, Auckland J. M. HAWKINS, 772 Atawhai Drive, Nelson

D. J. ONLEY, Little Totara Farm, Private Bag, Westport H. A. ROBERTSON, Ecology Division, DSIR, Lower Hutt P. M. SAGAR, 38A Yardley Street, Christchurch 4

Conveners and Organisers:

Rare Birds Committee: Secretary, ROB GUEST, 79 Slacks Road, Palmerston North

Beach Patrol: R. G. POWLESLAND, P.O. Box 12397, Wellington Librarian: K. R. BARROW, 67A Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge, Auckland Nest Records: H. A. ROBERTSON, Ecology Division, DSIR, Private Bag, Lower Hutt

Banding Liaison Officer: P. C. BULL, 131A Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt Reviews Editor: D. G. MEDWAY, 25A Norman Street, New Plymouth

Classified Summarised Notes -

North Island: B. R. KEELEY, 41 De Vere Crescent, Hamilton South Island: P. D. GAZE, 25 Richmond Avenue, Nelson S.W. Pacific Island Records: J. L. MOORE, 32 Brook St., Lower Hutt

Editor of OSNZ news: P. SAGAR, 38A Yardley St., Christchurch 4

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Annual Subscription: Ordinary Member \$30; Husband & Wife members \$45; Junior Member (under 20) \$15; Life Member \$600; Family member (one Notornis per household), being other family of a member in the same household as a member, \$15; Institution \$60; Overseas member and overseas institutions \$6.00 extra (postage).

Subscriptions are for the calendar year of first joining and are renewed by invoice each January. Please pay promptly to ensure receiving *Notomis* and *OSNZ news*.

Applications for membership, changes of address, resignations and advice on non-delivery of Notornis and OSNZ news should be sent to:—

Membership Secretary, Ornithological Society of N.Z. Inc., P.O. Box 18430, Glen Innes, Auckland 5.

Exchanges and library subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer.

Editorial matters ONLY should be sent to the Editor.

[Registered with the GPO Gisborne as a publication]

CONTENTS

HAWKINS, J.M. The Farewell Spit gannetry - A new sea level color WALTERS, M. Probable validity of Rallus nigra Miller, an extin species from Tahiti MISKELLY, C.M. The Little Barrier Island snipe	249
	265
	273
Classified Summarised Notes, North Island	285
Classified Summarised Notes, South Island Short Notes	311
HADDEN, D. A six-egg clutch of Yellow-breasted Tit	260
SIBSON, R.B. A Back-tailed Australasian Gannet and others with variable tails at Muriwai FOX, N.C. A taxonomic redescription of the New Zealand Falcon Falco novaeseelandiae Gmelin, 1788 BEAUCHAMP, A.J. Status of the weka Gallirallus australis on Cape Brett, Bay of Islands KAUFMANN, G. Development of Spotless Crake chicks MALONEY, R. A Ruff at Lake Wainono	261
	270
	282
	324
	328
Review	284