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Abbreviations: ad. adult, c. approximately, Ck Creek, Est. Estuary, Hbr Harbour, Hd Head, I. Island, imm. immature, juv. juvenile, L. Lake, NLNP Nelson Lakes National Park, Pen. Peninsula, Pk Park, Pt Point, R. River, Sd Sound, S.P. Sewage Pond, SF State Forest, Stm Stream.

STEWART ISLAND BROWN KIWI *Apteryx australis lawryi*

Tin Range, 1 female feeding in the open in mist and drizzle on 25/12 (AJDT).

GREAT SPOTTED KIWI *A. haastii*

Greymouth-Westport, common, breeding (DJO).

YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN *Megadyptes antipodes*

Banks Pen., 5 at Stony Bay on 29/12 (DB). L. Wainono, 1 imm. in surf on 26/3 (KM). Bluff Hill, adult with 2 eggs on 6/11, empty and deserted on 27/11 (MLB). Penguin Beach, 72 came in during 7 hours on 17/12 (KCG). Boulder Beach, 8 incubating on 22/10, Papanui Beach, 2 incubating on 22/10 (KM).

BLUE PENGUIN *Eudyptula minor*

Titirangi, Marlborough Sounds, 20 ashore in dunes in late evening (6 appeared immature) on 27/3, 6 under building near shore on 3/6 (GIR). Tasman Bay, 100+ in April, in pairs and groups where previously on only 2-3 pair (JMH). Pelorus Sound, 2 on 4/7 (DJB). Charleston, breeding (DJO). Tuhawaiki I., 2 chicks at burrow on 3/1 (KCG). Okuru, 1 in July (CJFO'D).

FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN *Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*

Murphys Beach, c.40; Monroe Beach, c.20; Hunts Beach, 1 in Nov; Knights Pt, 1 on 27/5 (CFJO'D).

SOUTHERN CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

L. Rotoroa, NLNP, 1 on 26/11 (GIR). L. Rotorua, Kaikoura, 2 on 17/9, 5 on 1/10 (BE). L. Poerua, 7 on 15/10 (CSL). L. Pearson, 6 ad. and 1 young on 7/2, 7 ad. and 2 young on 25/5; L. Marymere, 2 ad. and 1 young on 7/2; L. Grassmere, 2 ad. on 7/2 (CFJO'D). L. Selfe, 4 on 16/7 (PMS), pair shot by fisherman in Jan 84 (CFJO'D). L. Coleridge, 12 on 16/7 but

none on other lakes in this group (PMS). L. Heron, 26 on 11/3; L. Emma, 9 on 11/3; Maori Lakes, 0 on 11/3; L. Camp, 0 on 11/3; L. Roundabout, 0 on 11/3; L. Clearwater, 2 on 11/3; giving total of 37 ad. and 3 young on the Ashburton Lakes (CFJO'D). L. Moeraki, pair with nest part covered with water on 18/12 (NJW). L. Thomas, 1 on 25/12, no further sightings (KM). L. Monowai, 4 juv. near outlet on 2/5 (AW), 1 adult on 27/6 (WJC). L. Te Anau, pair near Wildlife Park on 7/9 (AW).

AUSTRALIAN LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

L. Rotorua, Kaikoura, 3 on 17/9 (BE). St Annes Lagoon, 1 on 16/5 (CJFO'D).

CAPE PIGEON *Daption capense*

Nelson sewer outfall, 200+ in July (JMH). Kaikoura wharf, c.80 on 13/7 (BE). Lawyers Head, 94+ on 2/10 (KCG).

MOTTLED PETREL *Pterodroma inexpectata*

L. Hauroko, breeding (WJC). Wairaurahiri Valley, heard overhead at night on 19/1 (GL).

CHATHAM ISLAND PETREL *P. axillaris*

South East Island, 2 on 16/1 (JFMF).

BROAD-BILLED PRION *Pachyptila vittata*

Te Anau, 4 birds (2 dead) found near township on 12/12 (AW).

FAIRY PRION *P. turtur*

Motunau I., many birds arrived ashore after 2140 on 2/12, eggs well incubated at this stage (JFMF, PMS).

WESTLAND BLACK PETREL *Procellaria westlandica*

Punakaiki, poor breeding success, winter 83 (DJO).

BULLER'S SHEARWATER *Puffinus bulleri*

Cape Foulwind, 2 on 26/3 (DJO). Milford to Caswell Sound, hundreds seen offshore on 4/4; Breaksea to Doubtful Sound, 3 on 14/4 (KM).

SOOTY SHEARWATER *P. griseus*

Punakaiki, summer visitor probably breeding Seal I. (DJO). Motunau I., very few birds ashore on 2/12 (JFMF, PMS). Banks Pen., no adults at Tumbledown Bay on night of 19/3 but 10 burrows located. Four of these each contained a dead chick, one contained 2 dead adults, one was empty and two were too deep to investigate. Wild cats are the suspected predator (GW). Makawhio SF, reported to breed on coastal cliffs (CFJO'D). Monroe Beach, 20 on 7/12 (NJW). Taiaroa Hd, several coming into burrows after dark on 23/10 (AJDT). Balclutha, 1 on road on 23/5, later released at L. Te Anau (AW). Tuhawaiki I., 1 between island and mainland feeding on small fish on 3/1 (KCG). L. Monowai, 30 on 2/5 (AW).

FLUTTERING SHEARWATER *P. gavia*

Wairau Diversion, 600+ on 21/1 (DJB). Cape Foulwind, c.50 on 26/3 (DJO).

WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL *Pelagodroma marina*

Motunau I., several birds in burrows on night of 2/12, all incubating 1 egg each (JFMF, PMS).

AUSTRALASIAN GANNET *Sula bassana serratior*

Farewell Spit, 600 in November (BDB, JMH). Punakaiki, regularly seen in small numbers offshore, adults only (DJO). Monroe Beach, 12 on 7/12, seen regularly in Jan, locals report that gannet numbers have never been so high with groups of up to 30 birds (CFJO'D). Otago Pen., single birds seen fishing on 22/10, 19/11 and 17/12 (KCG).

BLACK SHAG *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Keneperu Sound, 2 on 10/10 (GIR). Vernon Lagoons, 10 on 27/7, 15 on 6/8 (GIR), 76 on 20/11 (DJB). Hokitika R., 7 at mouth on 7/7 (NJW).

PIED SHAG *P. varius*

Heaphy R., 11 at mouth on 21/1 (AJDT). Pelorus Sd, 120+ on 29/10 (PJ). Wairau Diversion, 1 imm. tried unsuccessfully to swallow flounder 15/3 (APB). L. Grassmere, 29 on 5/11 (DJB). L. Elterwater, no nesting early winter as lake dry (TJT). Avon-Heathcote Est., 2 on 31/7; Taylors Mistake, 3 on 27/5 (DB). Monroe Beach, 1 in Aug (CFJO'D).

LITTLE BLACK SHAG *P. sulcirostris*

Seal I., Kaikoura, 1 on 13/7 (BE).

LITTLE SHAG *P. melanoleucos brevirostris*

Wairau Loop, Grovetown, c.60 roosting in willows on 19/11 (DJB).

KING SHAG *Leucocarbo carunculatus carunculatus*

Stewart I., off D'Urville I., 20 in April (JMH). Duffers Reef, 62 including 17 imm. and 10 nests on 3/7 (DJB).

SPOTTED SHAG *Stictocarbo punctatus punctatus*

Tasman Bay, 2000+ during winter (JMH). Wairau Diversion, 233 on 21/1 (DJB), 132 on 15/3 (APB). Perpendicular Point and 10 Mile Bluff, breeding; Charleston, 180 seen in 10 min. on 22/2 (DJO).

BLUE SHAG *S. punctatus steadi*

Monroe Beach, 2 on 11/12 (NJW).

LESSER FRIGATE BIRD *Fregata ariel*

Farewell Spit, 1 in November (TW).

WHITE-FACED HERON *Ardea novaehollandiae*

Grovetown, c.20 on 23/5 (WFC). Fairhall, 18 on 12/5 (PJ). Blaketown Lagoon, 2 on 7/1, 5 on 11/2 (CSL). Lake Station, St Arnaud, 9 on 2/6 (PJ).

WHITE HERON *Egretta alba*

Collingwood, 1 on 14/1 (WFC); Westhaven, 1 on 14/1 (WFC); Motueka, 1 on 14/1 (WFC). Nelson Haven, 1 during April-May (JMH). Hope, 1 in garden for several weeks during August (EH). Karamea, 1 on 18/1 (WFC); Vernon Lagoons, 1 on 17/5 (WFC), 1 on 21/7, 1/8 and 6/8 (GIR). Marshlands, 1 in flooded paddocks on 17/7 (DJB). Birchfield, 1 on 6/6 (JCD). West Coast Region, small numbers in estuaries and paddocks especially in autumn/winter (DJO). Avon-Heathcote Est., 1 on 4/6 (KCH). L. Forsyth, 4 on 4/9 (DB). L. Ellesmere, 1 on 1/6 (KCH). Saltwater Ck, 1 on 20/8 (KCH). Milford Lagoon, 1 on 27/8 (PMS). L. Monowai, 1 on 2/5 (AW).

LITTLE EGRET *E. garzetta*

Waiamea Est., 2 during April (JMH). Orowaiti Est., 1 on 14/4 (DJO).

REEF HERON *E. sacra*

Torrent Bay, 3 in Feb (JMH). D'Urville I., 2 on 7/5 (WFC). Orowaiti, 1 on 6/6 (JCD). Avon-Heathcote Est., 1 on 5/8 (DB). Lyttleton Hbr, 1 on 3/6 (KCH).

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

Golden Bay, 23 on 13/6 (census). Hope, 6 during May (EH). Rai Valley, 3 on 12/8 (PJ), 1 on 20/5 (WFC). Grovetown, 26 on 17/7 and 22/9 (DJB), 26 on 24/10 in breeding plumage, 1 on 11/4, 13 on 21/4, 27 on 12/5 (PJ), 37 on 18/6 (APB). Rapaura, 6 on 25/6; Fairhall, 12 on 12/5 (PJ). Ward, 4 feeding among sheep, some worms eaten on 27/5 (TJT). Karamea, 10 on 15/4; Little Wanganui, 2 on 15/4; Mokihinui, 5 on 15/4 (M&RL). Birchfield, 4 on 24/5 (JCD). Carters Beach, 2 on 25/5 (RNT). Kaikoura, 11 on 1/10, 3 on 12/11 (BE). Inangahua, 4 on 15/4; Reefton, 4 on 10/4 (M&RL). Canoe Ck, 6 on 25/5 (RNT). Barrytown, 5 on 8/4, 10 on 3/6 (DJO). Inchbonnie, 3 on 4/5 (PJF). Arahura, 4 on 30/7, 5 on 3/8, 5 on 23/10 (NJW). Harihari, 8 on 18/4 (CFJO'D); 2 on 21/5 (AW). Whataroa, 7 on 18/4 (CFJO'D); 2 on 21/5 (AW). Franz Josef, 3 on 18/4 (CFJO'D); 2 on 21/5 (AW). Hunts Beach, 6 on 18/4; Mahitahi R, 15 on 18/4; Paringa, 18 on 18/4; Haast, 7 on 18/4 (CFJO'D), 1 on 21/5 (AW). Birds arrived in S. Westland during first week of April and most had disappeared by first week of May (CFJO'D, NJW). Waikuku, 3 on 20/8; Bromley Sewage Farm, 2 on 4/6 (KCH). Templeton, 2 on 12/6 (CFJO'D). Clandeboye, 15 with dairy herd on 27/8 (PMS). Makarora, 2 on 21/5 (AW). Berwick, 10 on 18/3 (ALN). Milford Sd, 16 roosting in beech tree on 11/4 and 20/4 (KM). Te Anau, 1 on 3/7, up to 8 from 13/4 to 29/4 (JVM). Manapouri, 3 on 8/5 (KM). Makarewa, 18 feeding with sheep on 30/6 (WJC). Ōwenga, Chatham Island, 3 on 12/10 (JFMF).

NANKEEN NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax caledonicus*

Pakawau, 1 banded bird on 15/8 probably an escapee from Wgtn Zoo (EG).

AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

Punakaiki, uncommon (DJO). Cook R. flats, 1 in rough pasture and tussock on 6/6 (PDG). Hunts Beach, 1 on 25/5 (CFJO'D).

ROYAL SPOONBILL *Platalea regia*

Farewell Spit, 20 on 14/6 (census). Motueka Est., 17 during winter 84 (JMH). Vernon Lagoon, c.20 and 20/11 (DJB), 14 on 17/5 (WFC). Brooklands Lagoon, 3 on 23/9; Bromley Sewage Farm, 2 on 9/7 (KCH). Kaituna Lagoon, 2 on 22/11 (JFMF, PMS), 2 on 8/4 (DB).

BLACK SWAN *Cygnus atratus*

Vernon Lagoons, c.1500 on 20/11 (DJB). L. Ryan, 3 adults and 3 cygnets on 12/11 (CSL); Paynes Gully, 1 on 17/3 (CSL). L. Thomas, pair with 3 juv. on 27/2 (JVM).

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

L. Elterwater, 153 on 1/7 (TJT). Barrytown, 8 on 23/6; L. Ryan, 2 on 12/11; Cobden Lagoon, 4 on 24/6 (CSL). L. Thomas, c.100 on 14/2, 116+ on 19/6 (KM).

PARADISE SHELDUCK *Tadorna variegata*

Ward, clutches of 5 and 9 on dams on 20/10, 520 on pea paddock on 15/2 (TJT). L. Thomas, 600+ on 25/12 (JVM).

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Hokitika S.P., c.80 on 3/2; Hokitika R. mouth, 41 on 7/7, 3 on 11/10 (NJW). L. Thomas, 700+ on 16/6 (JVM).

GREY DUCK *A. superciliosa*

Stewart I., 2 at Scollays Flat on 28/12 (AJDT).

GREY TEAL *A. gibberifrons*

Hapuku, 14 on 2/2 (BE). Kumara Beach, 3 in swamp on 17/3 (CSL). L. Ellesmere, c.1500 in April (CFJO'D). L. Te Anau, 28 at south end on 17/6 (JVM).

NEW ZEALAND SHOVELER *A. rhynchotis*

Hapuku, pair on 7/10 (BE). Cobden Lagoon, 9 on 12/11 (CSL), c.30 on 8/4 (DJO). Blaketown Lagoon, c.60 on 30/6 (CSL). Greymouth airfield, c.30 during March/April (DJO). Hokitika S.P., 8 on 6/1 (NJW). Arahura R. mouth, 4 on 30/8 (NJW). L. Ellesmere, 50 on 2/10 (KCH). L. Te Anau, 14 at south end on 17/6 (JVM).

BLUE DUCK *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*

Pelorus R., 1 calling at night on 21/4 (DJB). Central Maruia Ecological Area, 2 in Scotty Ck on 10/1; L. Christabel Ecological Area, 1 in Brown Grey R. on 12/2, 1 on west branch of Blue Grey R. on 15/2 (IPN). Upper Kokotahi R., 3 on 24/4 (DB), Lower Kokotahi R., 2 on 26/4 (DB). Architects Ck, Copland Valley, 2 on 25/5 (EBS). Manakaiaua R., 1 in Dec; Upper Moeraki R., 1 in March (CFJO'D).

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP *Aythya novaeseelandiae*

L. Cobb, 1 on 1/1 (BN). L. Christabel, 2 on 13/2 (DB). L. Kaniere, breeding (DJO). L. Pearson, 88 on 16/7; L. Grassmere, 119 on 16/7 (JFMF). L. Heron, c.1300 in March; L. Alexandrina, 1028 on 17/7 (CFJO'D). L. Hauroko, 3 nests Nov-Dec (WJC).

AUSTRALASIAN HARRIER *Circus approximans*

Molesworth, 1 standing in 15 cm of running water on 18/9. It has been suggested they drink a lot after eating rabbits poisoned by 1080 (PJ). St Bathans Range, 1 at 1980 m on 20/3 (JVM).

NEW ZEALAND FALCON *Falco novaeseelandiae*

Maud I., 1 in April (WFC). Port Gore, 1 caught a skylark on 28/3 (GIR). Ward, 2 on 20/10 (TJT). Goose Bay, 1 on 3/11 (BE). Central Maruia Ecological Area, 2 on 17/11 (KWD). West Bank Maruia, 2 in Wooley R. on 26/1 (DB). L. Christabel Ecological Area, 2 on 17/2 (IPN). L. Lyndon, 1 near road on 4/3 (DB). L. Onslow, 1 on 7/1 (WMI). Gorge Hill, 1 in Burwood Bush on 14/12; L. Hauroko, 1 heard on Mary Island on 7/10 (WJC).

CHUKOR *Alectoris chukar*

Ward, small numbers seen consistently over recent years — breeding (TJT). Upper Awatere, 2 on 18/9 (PJ). Seaward Kaikouras, 1 on 17/11 (BE).

CALIFORNIA QUAIL *Lophortyx californica*

Ward, breeding in Feb, good numbers in June (TJT). Grovetown, c.30 on 25/10 (DJB). St Arnaud, 2 on 20/11 (PJ).

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Pounawea, 1 on 7/1 (KCG).

WESTERN WEKA *Gallirallus australis australis*

Pelorus Sound, 4 on 29/10 (PJ). Pelorus Valley, 1 on 23/4 (APB). Paringa, 1 on 24/6, rare elsewhere in S. Westland apart from Karangarua Valley (PDG). Windbag Valley, 1 regularly present; Waitototo R., 1 in Dec (CFJO'D).

MARSH CRAKE *Porzana pusilla*

Gillespies Beach, present in Aug (CFJO'D).

PUKEKO *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Nydia Bay, 2 on 15/2 (GIR).

AUSTRALIAN COOT *Fulica atra australis*

St Anne's Lagoon, 13 on 6/5 (CFJO'D).

SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

Grovetown, c.10 on 23/5 (WFC). Karamea, 250 on 15/4 (M&RL). Charleston, 205 on 3/7; Okari, c.600 on 17/3, c.950 on 22/4; Orowaiti, c.300 on 26/3 (DJO). Hokitika R. mouth, 16 on 16/7, c.200 on 11/9, c.50 on 17/9, 12 on 25/9 (NJW). Okarito R. mouth, c.250 on 6/2 (CSL). L. Te Anau, 75 with Spur-winged Plover flock at Upukerora Est. on 30/6 (JVM).

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER *H. unicolor*

Karamea, 14 on 15/4 (M&RL). Punakaiki, present in small numbers along coast (DJO), 2 on 12/11 and 23/6 (CSL). Hokitika R. mouth, 3 on 17/9; Okarito Lagoon, 6 on 18/11 (NJW). Ashley Est., 1 on 7/1 (KCH). Taylors Mistake, 2 on 27/5; Little Akaloa Bay, 2 on 23/12 (DB). Otago Pen., a pair dived at Yellow-eyed Penguins that came too close on 13/11 (KCG).

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

Wairau R., 60+ flocking on shingle banks on 11/8 (DJB). Blenheim, 19 near town on 4/8 (PJ). Grassmere, 1 pursued by Banded Dotterel on 5/11 (DJB). Lake Station, St Arnaud, 130 on 2/6; Howard Jct., 20 on 4/12 (PJ). Hokitika R. mouth, 50+ on 14/9; Taramakau R. mouth, 10 on 23/6 (NJW). Norwood, 110 on 23/6, Homebush, 1 ad. with small chick on 10/5 (JSF). Dunedin, 2 at sportsfield on 22/5 (KCG). L. Waipori, 2 out of 4 hatched on 29/8 (ALN). L. Te Anau, 342 at Upukerora Est. on 30/6 (JVM). Otatara, a breeding adult banded on 21/9/71 was recaptured 200 m from original site on 5/7 (MLB).

LEAST GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis fulva*

Greymouth airfield, 1 in moult on 9/10 and 12/11 (CSL). Hokitika R. mouth, 1 on 14/9 (NJW). L. Ellesmere, 13 on 8/10 (5 in breeding plumage), 6 on 17/12, 14 on 17/2, 37 on 23/3 (KCH). Invercargill Est., 36 on 22/11 (WJC). Awarua Bay, 9 on 19/11 (RRS), 2 (1 in full breeding plumage) on 3/3 (WJC).

NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL *Charadrius obscurus*

Motueka Sandspit, 2 in March (BE). Farewell Spit, 6 on 13/6 (census). Awarua Bay, 15 on 4/3 (WM&HJ), 15 on 24/6, breast colour 3++, 5+, 7 nil (MLB). Stewart Island, Blakies Hill, 3 on 23/12, Table Hill, 5 on 25/12 (AJDT); Masons Bay, 11 on 4/3, Doughboy Bay, 9 on 4/3 (GMcS).

BANDED DOTTEREL *C. bicinctus*

Nelson Haven, 40 on 17/1, 30 on 19/3, 30 on 26/5, 30 on 3/6 (GQ). Vernon Lagoons, 5 on 2/8 (GIR). Kaikoura Pen., 63 on 17/1 (DJB). North Westland, breeding on beaches, airfields and river beds, movements to estuaries in autumn peaking in March, e.g., Westport airport, 117 on 18/3 (DJO). Orowaiti

Lagoon, 20 on 28/11 (CSL). Greymouth airfield, 7 with 2 chicks on 26/11; Blaketown Lagoon, 21 on 7/1, 15 on 24/6 (CSL). Hokitika R. mouth, 20+ on 7/7 (NJW).

LARGE SAND DOTTEREL *C. leschenaultii*

Ashley Est., 1 on 29/11 and 11/1 (KCH).

BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL *C. melanops*

Wairau R., 1 on 26/11 (DJB). Spider Lagoon, 1 on 18/9 (PMS). Karangarua R., 1 in June (CFJO'D), still present on 13/6 (PDG). Outram, 4 on 5/7, nest with 2 eggs on 14/2 (PS). Orari R. mouth, 21 ad. and 3 juv. feeding on silty island on 26/3 (KM). Opihi R. mouth, 18 ad. and 2 juv. on 26/3 (JVM).

WRYBILL *Anarhynchus frontalis*

L. Ellesmere, 36 on 13/8 (KCH), 127+ on 1/9, 61 on 1/10 (DB), 83+ on 8/10 (PMS), 50 on 20/10 (KCH), 50+ on 19/2, 72+ on 3/3 (PMS), 48 on 25/3 (JVM), 5 on 17/4, 6 on 28/4 (KCH).

FAR-EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis*

Hokitika R. mouth, 1, 11-14/9 (NJW). Avon-Heathcote Est., 1 on 2/9, 15/9, 17/11 and 29/11, 2 on 7/1; L. Ellesmere, 2 on 11/1 (KCH). Waituna Lagoon, 1 at Shand Bay on 19/11, 3 at Walker Arm on 20/12 (WJC).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT *Limosa haemastica*

L. Ellesmere, 1 on 25/3 (JFMF).

EASTERN BAR-TAILED GODWIT *L. lapponica*

Vernon Lagoons, c.30 on 17/5 (WFC). North Westland, summer visitor in small numbers, a few overwinter. Okari, 27 on 19/11, 4 on 22/4; Orowaiti, 1 on 17/3 in summer plumage (DJO). Hokitika R. mouth, 1 on 11/9, 4 on 17/9, 1 on 19/9 (NJW). Avon-Heathcote Est., 150 on 2/9 (DB), 253 on 15/9 (KCH), 630+ on 4/3 (DB). L. Ellesmere, 12 on 19/9, 4 on 2/10 (KCH), 28 on 16/10 (PMS), 30 on 20/10, 50 on 24/10 and 17/11, 65 on 29/11 (KCH), 2 on 3/3 (PMS), 1 on 25/3 (KM). Hoopers Inlet, 40 on 22/10; Papanui Inlet, 170 on 22/10, 22 on 12/6 (JVM).

TATTLER sp. *Tringa* sp.

Catlins Est., 1 on 13/1 (second year seen) (KCG). Awarua Bay, 4 on 19/11 (RRS), 4 together on 16/12 (KVM), 3 on 3/3 (WJC).

SIBERIAN TATTLER *T. brevipes*

Kaikoura, 2 on 28/11 (BE), 1 on 16/1 (DJB).

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Vernon Lagoons, 2 on 4/8 (PJ). Hokitika R. mouth, 1 on 14/9 (NJW). Grassmere, 38 on 23/6 (DJB).

KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Okarito Lagoon, 9 on 18/11 (NJW). L. Ellesmere, 22 on 19/9, 2 on 2/10 (KCH), 23 on 16/10 (PMS), 91 on 20/10 (KCH), 90 on 24/10 (CFJO'D), 28 on 17/11 (KCH), 28 on 19/11 (PMS), 2 on 29/11, 49 on 4/1, 2 on 11/1 (KCH), 70 on 7/1 (JFMF), 17 on 17/2 (KCH), 75 on 19/2, 60+ on 3/3, 30 on 15/4 (PMS). Karangarua R., 3 on 10/12, 8 km from mouth (NJW). Invercargill Est., 120 on 17/12 (PM). Awarua Bay, 120+ on 19/11 (MLB), 183 on 16/12 (JVM), 154 on 17/12 (RRS), 18 on 23/4 (JVM), 7 on south side on 24/6 (MLB).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER *Calidris acuminata*

L. Ellesmere, 2 on 17/11 (KCH), 1 on 19/11 (PMS), 1 on 7/1 (JSF), 2 on 23/3 (KCH), 3 on 25/3 (KM), 2 on 17/4 and 24/4 (KCH), maximum of 4 during summer (CFJO'D). Invercargill Est., 46 on 22/11 (WJC). Awarua Bay, 3 on 19/11 (MLB). Waituna Lagoon, 5 at Walker Arm on 20/12 (RRS).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER *C. melanotos*

L. Ellesmere, 2 on 24/10 (CFJO'D), 1 on 21/11 (KCH), 1 on 19/2, 2 on 3/3, 5 on 17/4 (PMS), 1 on 24/4 (KCH).

CURLEW SANDPIPER *C. ferruginea*

L. Ellesmere, 12 on 19/9 (KCH), 3 on 1/10 (DB), 7 on 2/10, 12 on 8/10 (KCH), 26 on 8/10, 49 on 19/11, 15 on 15/4 (PMS), 19 on 24/4, 6 on 28/4 (KCH), maximum count of 61 during summer (CFJO'D). Invercargill Est., 4 on 22/11 (WJC). Awarua Bay, 9 non-coloured on 23/4 (JVM). Waituna Lagoon, 3 at Walker Arm on 17/12 (WJC).

RED-NECKED STINT *C. ruficollis*

L. Grassmere, 14 on 5/11 (DJB). L. Ellesmere, 50 on 19/9 (KCH), 56 on 1/10 (DB), 72 on 2/10 (KCH), 74 on 22/10 (JFMF), 105 on 24/10, 40 on 17/2 (KCH), 67+ on 3/3, 71 on 15/4 (PMS), 33 on 24/4, 8 on 28/4 (KCH), maximum of 128 counted during summer (CFJO'D). Awarua Bay, 3 on 17/12 (RRS), 18 in breeding plumage on 23/4 (K&JVM). Waituna Lagoon, 12 at Walker Arm on 17/12 (WJC).

SANDERLING *C. alba*

L. Ellesmere, 1, 8-22/10 (JFMF, JSF, PMS), 1 on 6/2 (CFJO'D), 1 on 23/3 (KCH).

PIED STILT *Himantopus leucocephalus*

Nelson Haven, 200 during winter 1984 (JMH, GQ), Grovetown, 55 on 5/2 (DJB). Karamea tidal flats, 29 on 15/4 (M&RL). Orowaiti, 65 on 19/11, 80 on 17/3 (DJO). L. Ellesmere, 734+ on 3/3 (PMS). Spider Lagoon, 5 on 27/8, 13 on 18/9 (PMS). Glenavy, 500+ in ploughed paddock on 19/2 (KCH).

BLACK STILT *H. novaeseelandiae*

Farewell Spit, 1 on 14/6, G type (GBW). L. Ellesmere, 1 juv. on 2/10 (KCH), 1 on 3/3 (PMS).

SOUTHERN GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua lonnbergi*

Stewart I., 1 at Maori Bay on 15/12 (AJDT).

POMARINE SKUA *S. pomarinus*

Monroe beach, Moeraki, 3 on 11/12 (NJW), up to 6 seen later in summer (CFJO'D).

ARCTIC SKUA *S. parasiticus*

North Westland, small numbers especially in autumn. Tauranga Bay, c.7 on 19/11; Charleston, 1 on 1/1; Fox R., c.5 on 18/2; Punakaiki, c.4 on 24/3; all dark colouring (DJO).

SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus dominicanus*

Nelson Boulder Bank, 1577 nests on 8/11 (JMH).

RED-BILLED GULL *L. novaehollandiae*

Tauranga Bay, c.20 nests on 19/11; Fox R., 1 nest on 16/12 (DJO).

BLACK-BILLED GULL *L. bulleri*

L. Rotoiti foreshore, 0 on 8/10, 2 on 11/10, 4 on 18/11 (PJ). Maggie Terrace, St Arnaud, 300 on 12/10, c.1000 on 19/11 (PJ). Arahura R. mouth, c.80 on 30/3; Hokitika R. mouth, c.120 on 26/7, 190 on 30/8, 200+ on 11/9 (NJW). Glenavy, 1000+ feeding on ploughed paddock on 19/2 (KCH). Whitestone R., c.200 nests with eggs on 30/10, later washed out (KM).

WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Nelson Boulder Bank, 1 imm. at WF Tern colony on 2/1 (JMH). Jacobs R., 1 on 29/11 (NJW). Coopers Lagoon, 1 on 12/3 (CFJO'D). Spider Lagoon, 2 on 27/8, 1 imm., 1 in full breeding plumage; 3 on 18/9, 2 moulting out of breeding plumage and 1 in winter plumage (PMS).

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*

Nelson Haven, 30 during Feb-April (JMH). Taylor R., 1 on 12/7 (DJB). Punakaiki, 2 (1 juv.) on 23/6; Blaketown Lagoon, 1 on 24/6 (CSL). Avon-Heathcote Est., 32 on 4/3 (DB). L. Ellesmere, 1 on 16/10 (PMS). Catlins Est., adults fed 1 juv. on 13/1 (KCG). Invercargill Est., 4 on 20/8, 51 chicks in 54 nests on 22/11 (WJC).

BLACK-FRONTED TERN *Sterna albostrata*

Howard Jct., 58 on ploughed paddock 19/1; Maggie Terrace, St Arnaud, 12 on 19/1 (PJ). Vernon Lagoons, 300+ on 17/5 (WFC). Wairau R. mouth, 11 feeding at sea over dirty flood waters on 17/7 (DJB). Wairau (Wye), 104 on 24/7; Wairau (Saltwater), 150 on 25/11 (PJ). Rapaura, 50 feeding over mown hay on 26/11; Kaituna, 6 on 31/10 after colony washed out (DJB). Mahitahi R., 1 imm. on 11/1; Okuru, 21 in Aug (CFJO'D). L. Ellesmere, 5 roosting on 3/3; Opihi R. mouth, c.13 feeding offshore on 10/7, 11 on 19/2 (PMS). Glenavy, 98 feeding over ploughed paddock on 19/2 (KCH). Taieri Mouth, 1 with White-fronted Terns on 23/4 (KCG). Dunton Ck, Eglinton V., pair hovered over their nest as 4 Black-billed Gulls ate one of their eggs on 2/10 (KM). Oreti Beach North, 40 roosting in field on 24/6 (WJC).

LITTLE TERN *S. albifrons*

Pakawau, 1 in Nov (BDB, JMH). Waimea Est., 4 in June (RHT, HAR, PC). Vernon Lagoons, 1 with White-fronted Terns on 20/11 (DJB). L. Ellesmere, 3 on 6/2 (CFJO'D). Taieri Mouth, 1 with White-fronted Terns on 23/4 (KCG).

WHITE-FRONTED TERN *S. striata*

Wairau mouth, 340 on 21/1 (DJB). Kaikoura, 50 on 17/1 (APB). Tauranga Bay, c.200 and c.15 nests on 19/11; Fox R., c.700 on 25/8, 6 nests on 16/12; Charleston, c.300 on 24/1 (DJO). Hokitika R. mouth, c.120 on 12/7, 22 on 30/8 (NJW). Okarito, c.40 (7 juv.) on 6/2 (CSL). Paringa R. mouth, c.145 (50% juv.) on 12/2 (NJW). Invercargill Est., 92 nests on 22/11 (WJC). Stewart I., 6 at Maori Bay on 1/1, 3 at Diprose Bay on 2/1 (AJDT).

NEW ZEALAND PIGEON *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

Okuti Valley, Banks Pen., 2 on 24/6 (KCH). Catlins, flock of 15 plus many others at Falls Ck on 9/2 (AJDT). Manapouri, 54 feeding on clover by road on 5/9 (WJC).

SOUTH ISLAND KAKA *Nestor meridionalis*

West side Takaka hill, 2 on 22/1 (WFC). Port Gore, 2 in beech forest on 27/3 (GIR). Fenian Gully, Heaphy Track, 5 on 23/1 (AJDT). Central Maruia Ecological Area, present from 17/11 to 12/1 (KWD). West Bank Maruia, 3 on 2/12 (DB). L. Christabel Ecological Area, 2 on 5/2 (DB).

KEA *N. notabilis*

Mt Stokes, 1 on 28/3; L. Angelus, 2 on 3/10 (GIR). Travers Valley, 2 on 26/11 (PJ). Charleston, 1 on 25/5 (DJO). Blaketown, 1 on 7/1 (CSL). Poerua, 2 on 4/4 (PJF). Blackhill, Oxford, 1 at 600 m on 29/1 (EBS).

EASTERN ROSELLA *Platyercus eximius*

Berwick, 6 in scrub on 22/10; Waipori, 2 on 22/10 (KM).

RED-CROWNED PARAKEET *Cyanoramphus novaeseelandiae*

Stewart I., Diprose Bay Track, 7+ near a hollow tree with fresh wood chips on 2/1 (AJDT).

YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET *C. auriceps*

Charleston, 1 on 7/2 and 19/3 (DJO). Maruia Ecological Areas, present over summer months (KWD). L. Karapataka, 2 on 26/8 (DB).

SHINING CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

Pelorus R., 3 on 15/10 (DJB). Charleston, first record on 26/9, first fledging 19/12, last fledging 28/1, singing ceased 12/1, last record 3/3 (DJO). Hokitika, first heard 29/9 (NJW). Inchbonnie, 1 on 6/2 (PJF). Ashley R., near Rangiora, several birds feeding among stones under willows and gorse on 15/10 (PMS). L. Holm, 1 heard on 22/10 (ALN).

LONG-TAILED CUCKOO *Eudynamys taitensis*

Charleston, uncommon, 1 on 3/12, 1 on 9/1, 1 on 22/2; Punakaiki, present through summer (DJO). Greymouth, 1 on 10/12 calling at 10 pm; Franz Josef, 1 on 6/2 (CSL).

MOREPORK *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

Saxon Hut, Heaphy, 5 on 19/1 (AJDT). Pounaweia, heard only once during Jan (KCG). Te Kakaho, 2 on 3/7 (DJB). Bruce Bay, 1 seen to take whistling frog from highway (PDG).

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

SH 94, Mossburn-Te Anau, 1 injured on road on 23/5 (AW). West Melton, 2 on 7/1 (JSF).

NEW ZEALAND KINGFISHER *Halcyon sancta*

Blenheim, 1 with brown back on 31/7 (PJ). Karamea, 16 on 15/4 (M & RL). Te Anau, up to 4 feeding on Atlantic salmon in fish troughs at Wildlife Reserve during June (AW). Invercargill coast, last sighted 25/9, first sighted 20/2 (MLB).

SOUTH ISLAND RIFLEMAN *Acanthisitta chloris chloris*

Mt Robertson, 10 on 3/12 (DJB). Kaikoura township, 1 present Dec-Feb (BE). Charleston, very common in mountain beech forest, unusual record of one in gorse and manuka on 5-20/4 (DJO). Orari R., pair in crack willow 1.4 km upstream from mouth on 25/3. Glandeboye-Milford road bridge, 4 in willows on 26/3 (KM).

ROCK WREN *Xenicus gilviventris*

Central Maruia Ecological Area, 1 in Scotty Ck on 15/1 (IPN). West Bank Maruia R., 2 in Waterfall Ck on 28/1 (DB). L. Christabel Ecological Area, 2 at Brown Grey R. on 8/2 (IPN). Okarito, 1 on 6/2 on driftwood and beach rocks, sightings over several days (CSL). Cronin R., below Whitehorn Pass, 2 on 20/4 (DB).

TREE MARTIN *Petrochelidon nigricans*

L. Holm, 1 on 12/1, 2 on 18/1, 3 on 21/1, 8 on 14/2, 10 on 17/2 and 11 on 2/3 (ALN).

FAIRY MARTIN *P. ariel*

L. Holm, 1 seen on 29/12 and 30/12 (ALN).

WELCOME SWALLOW *Hirundo tahitica neoxena*

Bells I., S.P., 300+ roosting and feeding in April (JMH). Ward, nested in cave in Jan, a small group mobbed a falcon (TJT). Heaphy Track, pair nesting in the Aorere Shelter on 18/1 (AJDT). L. Rotoiti, 4 young being fed on 27/11 (PJ). Blaketown Lagoon, c.40 on 24/6 (CSL). Nenthorn, 1 on 27/3 (JVM). L. Holm, first fledging on 2/12 (ALN). Te Anau, 30-40 in late July, 6 on 5/8 then reappeared 5 on 12/5, 5 on 27/6 (KM). Awarua, single bird remained all year from last season until Sept when 2 birds seen; 2 yr old nest relined, 3 eggs, 2 fledged. On 5/11 3 eggs in a new nest; full clutch of 5, 5 hatched, 4 fledged. The two adults and 4 young all roosting in nest on 20/12. On 1/1 a third clutch of 4 eggs in same nest, no sign of juveniles. Nest empty on 15/1 (MLB).

PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

Charleston, breeding on pakihis and alpine tops, winter dispersal to beaches and farmland. A partial albino in June (DJO). Awarua, 51 on 7/1 along 8.8 km of road (MLB).

HEDGESPARROW *Prunella modularis*

Hokitika beach, common in lupins along foreshore on 11/9 (NJW).

FERNBIRD *Bowdleria punctata*

Heaphy Track, 2 at Mackay Hut on 21/1 (AJDT). L. Christabel Ecological Area, 3 on 1/2 (RCM). L. Holm, 4 singing on 22/4 (ALN). Stewart I., 1 at base of Table Hill on 23/12 (AJDT).

BROWN CREEPER *Finschia novaeseelandiae*

Ward, 2 pair 1.5 km from bush on 15/12, present in most scrub patches (TJT). Reynolds Valley, Banks Pen., 12 on 24/6 (KCH). Stewart I., 4 on Arena Ridge on 30/12 (AJDT).

YELLOWHEAD *Mohoua ochrocephala*

Flora Saddle, 1 bird seen and heard on 1/1 (JT). West bank Maruia, 1 heard on 23/1 (KWD, DB). Ohinemaka SE, 1 in Jan (CJFO'D). Paringa R., 1 on true right bank above SH 6 on 23/6 (PDG). Windbag Valley, 3 in Nov and again in June; Upper Moeraki, 4 in March (CFJO'D). Greenstone Valley, 3 feeding in silver beech on 3/5; Upper Caples Hut, 2 on 6/5 (JVM).

YELLOW-BREASTED TIT *Petroica macrocephala macrocephala*

Cape Campbell, 1 in Oct (A & GS). Charleston, first fledging 2/10, last of second brood 6/11 (DJO). Te Anau, Lynwood Reserve, 1 ad. male on 24/9, 10 km from nearest beech forest (JVM).

SOUTH ISLAND ROBIN *P. australis australis*

Tennyson Inlet, 2 in forest on 16/2 (GIR). Pelorus R., only present upstream of Middy Ck (APB). Otemakura Stm (Goose Bay), 5+ on 3/11 (BE). Kahutara R., 1 on 16/11 (BE). Hope R., L. Sumner, common in August (DB).

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Westport, first egg on c.11/8; Little Totara R., first egg on c.24/8, last fledging c.24/1 (DJO). Invercargill, Queens Pk golf course, 54 on 18th fairway on 23/2 (WM & HJ).

BLACKBIRD *T. merula*

Little Totara R., first egg c.17/9, last fledging c.24/1 (DJO). Old Man Range, female on ground at 1640 m on 15/3 (JVM).

SILVEREYE *Zosterops lateralis*

Little Totara R., first egg on 18/10, peak fledging mid Jan, very large flocks in March/April (DJO).

TUI *Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae*

Vernon Lagoons, 4 feeding on Eucalyptus on 27/7 (GIR). Hope R., several in beech forest near Lewis Pass highway on 22/8 (DB). L. Kaniere, 1 caught large dragonfly on wing on 18/3 (NJW). Bruce Bay, 1 feeding on nectar from *Pseudopanax colensoi* on 24/7 (PDG). Pounaweia, 1 present from 24/12 to 14/1 (KCG).

CIRL BUNTING *Emberiza cirius*

Stephens I., 2 on 18/1 (WFC). Nelson Haven, c.12 during winter months (JMH, GQ). St Annes Lagoon, 1 on 6/5 (CFJO'D).

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

Bells I., piggery, 2000+ feeding 2/6 (GBW).

REDPOLL *C. flammea*

Shag R. Est., flock of c.35 on 24/6 (AJDT).

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Ward, a cream bird in flock of 40+ on 15/12 and seen again on 27/5 several km away (TJT).

BLACK-BACKED MAGPIE *Gymnorhina tibicen tibicen*

Hunderlees, 1 on 1/7 (TJT).

WHITE-BACKED MAGPIE *G. tibicen hypoleuca*

Hunderlees, 1 on 27/5 (TJT).

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Ward, 1 in July, 1 on 13/9 (TJT). Dunedin, 1 at Saddle Hill on 11/4 (PS).