

**CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES,  
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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, m asl. metres above sea level, Pen. Peninsula, Pk. Park, pr. pair, Pt. Point, R. River, Sd. Sound, SP. Sewage Pond, SF. State Forest, Stm. Stream.

**SOUTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI *Apteryx australis australis***

Milford Track, 1 heard Clinton side of MacKinnon Pass on 10/3 (SCS).

**GREAT SPOTTED KIWI *A. haastii***

Goulard Downs Hut, 1 on 26/4; Saxon Hut, Heaphy Track, c. 7 on 27/4 (TS). Charleston area, common (DJO).

**YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN *Megadyptes antipodes***

South East I., 1 ad. present Jan and early Feb (AJDT). Bushy Beach, Oamaru, 1 on nest with 1 egg, another with 2 eggs on 29/9 (BW). Sealers Bay, Codfish I., 3 incubating on 27/10 (WJC).

**BLUE PENGUIN *Eudyptula minor***

Charleston, numerous tracks on beach (4/10), 5 offshore on 4/10, 11 on 20/3, c. 20 on 22/6 (DJO), Pinnacles, Chatham I., several nesting in rock crevices on 22/11 (ADJT). Oamaru Hbr, 1 on 22/3 (BW). Sealers Bay, Codfish I., plentiful on 28/10 (WJC).

**FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN *Eudyptes pachyrhynchus***

Kahurangi Pt, 1 on 23/2 (BR). Monroe and Murphys Beach, ads arrive at colonies late June and depart by March (NJW). Martins Bay, many coming and going near Long Reef Hut on 19/11 (SCS). Oamaru Hbr, 1 on 18/3 (BW); 20+ ashore on 5/12 (BMS). Stewart I., 6 off Kopeka R. on 26/11 (CMM). Sealers Bay, Codfish I., with large downy chicks on 27/10 (WJC).

**ERECT-CRESTED PENGUIN** *E. sclateri*

Sandfly Bay, 1 dead, moulting on 23/3 (CMM).

**SOUTHERN CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus*

L. Rotorua, Kaikoura, c. 10 on 4/12 (BEE), 2 on 25/1 (WFC). L. Ianthe, 3 in April; L. Mapourika, 2 in April (CSL). L. Marymere, 2 on 25/8, nest with 2 eggs on 15/1, one of eggs submerged under nest; L. Hawdon, 1 on 9/9; L. Grasmere, 1 on 23/9, 3 ad. and 2 chicks on 25/4, 2 ad. on 26/5; L. Letitia, 4 ad. and 1 imm. on 25/8; L. Sarah, 2 from 14/1- 30/3; L. Lyndon, 3 on 19/8, 7 on 3/11, 5 on 9/12; L. Ida, 1 on 28/4; L. Catherine, 2 ad. and 3 chicks on 22/12; L. Evelyn, 2 on 6/1; L. Selfe, 6 on 29/11 (PL). L. Emma, a pr with 2 chicks plus 4 occupied nests on 9/2, 16 ad. and 3 juv. on 16/2, 25 ad. and 9 juv. on 13/4 (DG). L. Paringa and L. Moeraki, present (NJW). Fiordland, rare resident, gone from L. Fergus and L. Gunn, big decline on L. Monowai. Recorded since 1980 on L. Ronald, Green L. and L. Poteriteri, breeding on L. Ta Anau, L. Manapouri, Island L. and L. Monowai (KM, JVM). L. Te Anau, 2 in Middle Arm on 16/4 (AW). L. Monowai, 3 pr with 2 young, 1 young, 1 imm. on 17/2, 12 on 28/4 (HJ, MJ). Andersons Bay Inlet, Dunedin, 1 on 8/8 and 28/7 (WJC, BMcK).

**HOARY-HEADED GREBE** *P. poliocephalus*

Bromley SP, 1 on 15/6 (PMS).

**AUSTRALIAN LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

St Anne's Lagoon, 1 on 25/12 (BE); 2 on 11/5 (AB). L. Rotoiti, Kaikoura, 1 on 4/12 (BEE). Bell Hill, present 1984-85 (CSL).

**BULLER'S MOLLYHAWK** *Diomedea bulleri*

Grey R. Mouth, 1 on 23/5, 2 on 29/6 (NJW). Pitt Strait, Chatham I., c. 6 on 24/1 (AJDT).

**GIANT PETREL** sp. *Macronectes* sp.

Grey R. Mouth, 1 on 22/5 (NJW), Oamaru Hbr, 1 on 4/11 (BW). Lawyers Hd, 1 on 26/1 (KCG).

**SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL** *Macronectes giganteus*

Nelson Hbr, a white phase bird on 4/7 (NTQ). Kaikoura, 26 on 31/8 (BEE). Grey R. Mouth, 1 on 22/5 (NJW).

**ANTARCTIC FULMAR** *Fulmarus glacialisoides*

South Cape, 1 50 km south on 26/11 (CMM).

**BLACK-WINGED PETREL** *Pterodroma nigripennis*

South East I., c. 50 about summit at night, some with soil on bills on 31/12 (AJDT).

**CHATHAM ISLAND PETREL** *P. axillaris*

South East I., 1 in burrow with egg on 5/2 (AJDT).

**BROAD-BILLED PRION** *Pachyptila vittata*

Cascades, Chatham I., cat killed bird found on 12/1; South East I., only odd birds present 28/1 to 6/2 (AJDT).

**FAIRY PRION** *P. turtur*

Ko Oreao, Chatham I., 4 landed by spotlight, 1 with brood patch in mid Nov (AJDT). Oamaru foreshore, 11 on 22/9 (BW).

**WESTLAND BLACK PETREL** *Procellaria westlandica*

Westport, c. 20 around fishing boat on 22/6 (DJO). Grey R. Mouth, several on 3/6, 1 on 29/6; S. Westland, winter visitor (NJW).

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

Kaikoura, several present on 26/9 (BEE).

**BULLER'S SHEARWATER** *P. bulleri*

Kaikoura, 100s close to shore on: 24/11, a rare occurrence, 20 on 19/1 and 2 on 11/5 (BEE). Monroe Beach, South Westland, 1 in early April (NJW). Pitt Strait, Chatham I., c. 15 on 24/1 (AJDT).

**SOOTY SHEARWATER** *P. griseus*

Grey R. Mouth, several on 1/2, many on 21/4 (NJW). Kaikoura 6 on 27/10, c. 11 on 11/5 (BEE). Ko Oraeo, Chatham I., 1 seen while spotlighting on 20/11 (AJDT). S. Westland, summer visitor (NJW). L. Gunn, 1 on 19/5; Knobs Flat, 1 ad, and 2 juv. on 14/5; Te Anau, 1 on 13/5, 17/5, 18/5; Manapouri, 1 on 18/5; Mossburn, 1 on 14/5; Five R. Jct., 1 on 16/5 (AW). Warrington Beach, hundreds feeding in surf on 18/10; St Clair, 20,000+ inshore on 23/3 (KCG). Inchclutha, 200,000+ on 23/3 (PS).

**FLUTTERING SHEARWATER** *P. gavia*

Charleston, 3 offshore on 27/2, 1 following and diving with a feeding Gannet on 14/6 (DJO).

**HUTTON'S SHEARWATER** *P. huttoni*

Kaikoura, several thousand feeding on 31/8 and again 27/10 (BEE).

**WILSON'S STORM PETREL** *Oceanites oceanicus*

Stewart I., 1 off Lords R. on 26/11 (CMM).

**GREY-BACKED STORM PETREL** *Garrodia nereis*

Ko Oraeo, Chatham I., commonly seen by spotlight in Nov (AJDT). Stewart I., 1 50 km off South Cape on 26/11 (CMM). Gore, 1 caught by cat on 10/3 (WJC).

**WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL** *Pelagodroma marina*

Ko Oraeo, Chatham I., several seen by spotlight in Nov (AJDT).

**AUSTRALASIAN GANNET** *Sula bassana serrator*

Farewell Spit, c. 600 present throughout breeding season, c. 80 nests in Nov (JMH). Nelson SP, 1 on 10/2 (IL). Brightwater, 1 over river on 15/6 (EH). The Steeples, Cape Foulwind, c. 45 sitting on 2 well-used white stacks, c. 70 birds in vicinity, no previous record as roosting or breeding site (DJO). Charleston, 3 on 29/7, 2 on 21/2, 3 on 23/2, 7 on 24/2, 3 on 26/2, 8 on 27/2; c. 40 with 4 dark juvs. on 1/6, 7 on 14/6 (DJO). Grey R. Mouth, 1 on 1/2, 2 on 15/3, 1 on 21/3 catching yellow-eyed mullet, 1 on 30/3, 2 on 4/6 (NJW). Ashley R. Mouth, 1 on 5/8 (PL). South East I., 1 on 31/1 (AJDT). Monroe Beach, regularly seen, 6 on 11/6 (NJW). Oamaru, 6 on 17/11 (BW). Karitane, 1 on 6/2 (KCG). St Clair, 1 on 20/10 (BW). Lawyers Head, 50+ on 26/1 (KCG, PS). Green I., 6 on 28/10 (KCG). Bluff, 1 ad. on 1/1; Curio Bay, 4 ad. on 28/1 (MLB). Little Solander I., c. 12 in top colony, 2 in lower colony on 16/3 (WJC, GE, CMM).

**BLACK SHAG** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Waimea Est., c. 400 during winter census; Motueka Spit, c. 100 usually present (JMH). Mokihinui Gorge, 1 on 5/4 (TS). L. Rotoiti, 3 on 20/12 (DJO).

Charleston, southerly movement offshore during Feb with up to 10 birds per hour (DJO). Grey R., 16 on 12/3 and 27/4 (NJW). L. Kanierie, 1 in Aug-Sept (NJW). L. Sarah, 1 on 14/1; L. Lyndon, 2 on 19/8; Bromley SP, 26 on 27/4 (PL). L. Emma, 8 on 13/4 (DG). Ohau R. Mouth, 17 roosting on logs and islands on 29/5; Butchers Dam, Alexandra, 45+ on 16/6 (PC). Outram, 14 on 26/4; 30 on 6/6; Tokomairiro R. Mouth, 6 roosting on 10/4 (PS).

PIED SHAG *P. varius*

Rocks Road, Nelson, c. 20 nests in Norfolk Pines on 15/6 (JMH). L. Grassmere, 6 in June (BAN). Kohaihai Est., 7 on 25/11; 4 on 22/6 (CSL). Ashley R. Mouth, 2 on 15/6; Bromley SP, 1 on 27/4 (PL). Wairaurahiri R. Mouth, 7 on 19/5 (CCO). Smokey Beach, Stewart I., 1 on 6/4 (AJDT).

LITTLE BLACK SHAG *P. sulcirostris*

Waimca Est., 16 on 29/8 (JMH).

LITTLE SHAG *P. melanoleucos brevirostris*

L. Pearson, 9 on 25/1; L. Lyndon, 10 on 19/8; Ashley R. Mouth, 10 on 15/6; Bromley SP, 47 on 27/4 (PL). L. Enma, 88 on 13/4 (DG). Aramoana, 17 on 27/1 (BMcK). Alexandra, 1 at Lower Lanes Dam, 12 at Butchers Dam on 16/6 (PC). Angus Burn, 3 on 18/5; Wairaurahiri R. Mouth, 5 on 19/5 (CCO).

KING SHAG *Leucocarbo carunculatus carunculatus*

Stewart I., Admiralty Bay, 3 roosting on 22/7 (JMH). Snake Pt, Queen Charlotte Sd, 3 on 29/8 (WFC).

STEWART ISLAND SHAG *L. c. chalemottus*

Bushy Beach, 2 on 29/9 (BW).

SPOTTED SHAG *Stictocarbo punctatus punctatus*

The Steeples, Cape Foulwind, present on cliffs, possibly breeding on 20/2 (DJO). Punakaiki, 183 occupied nests on 18/8 (CSL). Grey R. Mouth, max. of 30+ on 3/6, fresh breeding plumage in early June (NJW). Kaikoura, 500 flying past on 9/6 (BEE). S. Westland, uncommon, Murphy Beach, 1 ad. in breeding plumage on 11/6 (NJW).

WHITE-FACED HERON *Ardea novaehollandiae*

Hope, 80 in paddock in June (EH). Delaware Bay, 30+ in June (GDQ). Fairhall, 40 on 20/6 (PJ). Orowaiti Est. 1 or 2 July to 19/11 and 12/3 to June (DJO). Cobden Lagoon, present all months except April; Blaketown Lagoon, usually present (NJW). Inchbonnie, 1 on 2/7 and 17/7; Te Kinga, 1 on 13/8 (PJF). S. Westland, uncommon (NJW). Haast, 4 in field with herefords on 9/5; Donalds Flat, Waitototo, 1 with 3 Cattle Egret on 12/5 (PC). Shelter Rock, Rees Valley, 1 on 4/4 (BMcK).

WHITE HERON *Egretta alba*

Nelson district, 7 during June census (JMH). Grovetown, 1 on 29/6 (PJ). L. Catherine, 1 on 29/11; Avon-Heathcote Est., 1 on 29/6; L. Forsyth, 5 on 1/9 (PL). L. Ellesmere, 1 on 24/8 and from 23/2 to 8/6 (EG, PL, CMM). L. Emma, 1 on 16/2 and 13/4 (DG). Hawksbury Lagoons, 1 on 24/3 (CMM). Kakanui, 1 on 1/4 and 19/5; All Day Bay, 1 on 1/4, 28/4 and 19/5 (AB), 1 on 30/8 (PS). Tomahawk Lagoon, 1 on 28/4 (AJDT). Alexandra, 1 in district 9-26/6 (PC).

LITTLE EGRET *E. garzetta*

Waimea Est., 1 on 11/4 (PW), 1 in June (AB). Orowaiti Est., 1 from July to 1/12, breeding plumage in Nov, 1-2 from 12/3 to June (CSL, DJO). Westport Airport, 1 on 8/10 (DJO).

REEF HERON *E. sacra*

Okiwi Bay, 1 on 30/3 (GDQ). Kaikoura, 1 on 19/1, 1-2 on 23/3, 2 on 11/5 (BEE). Mokihinui Est., 1 on 14/4 (DJO). Avon-Heathcote Est., 1 on 29/8 (PL). Parapara, 22 on 1/6 (CMM). Boulder Beach, Otago Peninsula, 1 on 8/12 (PS).

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*

Takaka, 15 in June; Motueka, 6 in June; Waimea Est., 35 in June (AB). 6 in August (JW). Appleby, 6 in April (JB). 32 in May (DB), 21 on 3/6 (CMM). Hope, 6 in June (EH). Grovetown, 13 on 20/11, 32 in 29/6; Fairhall, 24 on 12/6 (PJ). Orowaiti Est., 7 on 25/11, crown and foreheads pale orange; Westport, 23-24 from 16/6 onwards (DJO). Barrytown, 20 on 13/5, 12 on 25/5 (DJO, CSI.). Mt Fyffe Rd, Kaikoura, 20 on 13/5 (BEE), 12 on 15/6 (PJ). Coal Ck, 18 on 4/5, 17 on 11/5, c. 16 on 23/5; L. Ryan, 2 on 25/5 (CSL). Cobden, 2 on 26/5 (NJW). Waikuku, 2 on 5/5 (AB); 11 on 15/6, (JFMF, JSF). Christchurch, 2 on 4/6; L. Ellesmere, 14 on 12/1 and 16/3 (PL). Springston South, 14 on 23/2 (CMM). L. Paringa, 3 on 18/4 (CSL). Haast, 7 on 9/5 (PC); 4 on 6/6 (NJW). Berwick, 8 on 9/7, increasing to 28 on 26/8; Paretai, 21 on 28/8 (PS). Okuru Motor Camp, 3 on 9/5; Drake Flats, Waitatoto, 1 dead on 10/5 possibly killed by Falcon; Donald Flats, 3 on 12/5; Galloway, 5 on 4/5; Cardrona R., 1 on 23/6 (PC). Te Anau, 1 on 19/8, 2 on 25/4, 2 on 1/5, 1 on 4/6 (KM, JVM), 1 on 10/4, 2 on 12/4, 3 on 14/4 (AW), Manapouri, 4 on 6/4 (JVM), 6 on 23/5 (AW), 5 on 26/5 (KM, JVM). Lillburn Valley, 1 on 9/5 (WJC). Wyndham, 52 on 9/9, 6 on 4/11 (WJC), 6 in eclipse on 28/2 (RRS). Waianawa, 1st seen on 24/4, 2 on 2/5, 0 on 13/5, 9 on 16/5 (WJC). Makarewa, 13 on 28/7 (KM, JVM), 16 on 28/7 (WJC). 25 on 8/11, 12 still in eclipse, 24 on 25/11, 2 in eclipse, 3 in breeding plumage, 11 on 4/12, 7 in breeding plumage, 0 on 6/12 (WJC). Invercargill, 2 in mid March (WJC), 30 on 13/5 (MLB), 22 on 18/5, 5 on 2/6; Tisbury-Motu Rimu Road, 20 on 29/6 (WJC). Waituna, 2 on 19/6 (MLB).

NANKEEN NIGHT HERON *Nycticorax caledonicus*

An unbanded bird at Double Cove, Q. Charlotte Sound, on 12 and 17/5 (CJRR).

AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

Marahau, 1 in May (DB). Westport, 1 dead on roadside on 12/8 (DJO). Cobden Lagoon, 1 on 18/3 (NJW). L. Ryan, 1 pr present (NJW). L. Emma, 1 on 16/2; Maori Lakes, 6 on 22/10 (DG). Henley, 1 on 26/8 (PS). Middlemarch, 1 at 450 m asl in tiny wetland on 24/3 (KM, JVM).

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

L. Tuakitoto, 1 feeding in paddock with 20 White-faced Herons on 25-28/8 (PS).

ROYAL SPOONBILL *Platalea regia*

Farewell Spit, 2 in Sept, 19 in June (JMH). Puponga, 2 on 1/6 (CMM). Motueka, 17 in June (JMH), Mapua, 6 in June (AB). Waimea Est., 5 on

9/7, 17 on 29/8 (JMH), 8 on 11/4 (PW). Vernon Lagoons, 10 on 28/8 (WFC). Bromley SP, 5 on 27/4 (PL), 8 on 15/6 (CMM, PMS), 12 on 29/6 (PL). Okarito, no young raised (CSL). L. Wainono, 3 on 17/11 (BW). Hawksbury Lagoon, 13 on 26/1, 25 on 10/2 (AGH), 1 on 16/6 (PS). Maukiekie I., Otago Coast, nested for second season with c. 7 nests and c. 10 young fledged (CL).

**MUTE SWAN** (*Cygnus olor*)

Ashley R. Mouth, 2 on 15/6; Coopers Lagoon, 8 on 21/4 (PL).

**BLACK SWAN** *C. atratus*

Bells I. SP, 6 on 20/4 (PDG, GDQ). Waimea Est., 15 in June (IL). Nelson Haven, up to 5 in June (GDQ). Karamea, 1 nesting on 22/6 (CSL). L. Roroiti, 1 on 28/10 (PJ). L. Ryan, 3 plus 3 young on 20/2, 1 plus 3 young on 21/3, 2 on 23/6; Cobden Lagoon, 3 plus 3 young on 20/2; Blaketown Lagoon, 2 on 16/6 (NJW). L. Grassmere, 102 on 25/4, 106 on 26/5 (PL). L. Emma, 248 on 13/4 (DG). L. Paringa, L. Moeraki, present (NJW). Hawksbury Lagoon, 172 on 16/5 (PS). Aramoana, 173 on 27/1 (BMcK).

**CANADA GOOSE** *Branta canadensis*

L. Grassmere, 214 on 25/4, 187 on 26/5 (PL). Greymouth area, spreading from releases, breeding (CSL). L. Emma, 47 on 13/4 (DG). Washdyke Lagoon, 250 on 7/7 (BHS). L. Monowai, 84 on 28/4 (MJ). Waituna Lagoon, 85 on 10/2 (MLB, WJC).

**PARADISE SHELDUCK** *Tadorna variegata*

Stephens I., Marlborough Sds, 15 on 8/6 (WFC). Ward, 12 on 15/11, 1 pr raised all 9 young by 30/11 (TJT). Mokihinui Forks, 23 on 6/4 (TS). Waiau, 270 on 5/1 (LJD, SED). St Anne's Lagoon, 6 on 11/5 (AB). L. Kaniere, present July to Sept (NJW). L. Emma, 60+ on 13/4 (DG). Washdyke Lagoon, 10 on 7/7 (BHS). Karitane, female possibly on nest on 19/8 (KCG). Kaikorai Est., pr with 9 young on 19/11 (AGH). MacLennan, Catlins, pr with young on 10/1 (KCG). Middlemarch, 150+ on 6/3 (PS). Angus Burn, 2 on 18/5; Wairourahiri R. Mouth, 6 on 19/5 (CCO).

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Westport Airport, maximum count, c. 600 on 20/6; Cobden Lagoon, maximum counts, 60 in Jan, 90 in Mar, 50+ in Apr, 50+ in May, 40+ in June (NJW). Te Whanga Lagoon, Chatham I., c. 5 on 10/11 (ADJT).

**GREY DUCK** *A. superciliosa*

West Coast, less common than Mallard except for forested areas (PJF *et al.*). Mokihinui R., present; Westport Airport, present (DJO). Greymouth present (CSL, NJW). L. Kaniere and S. Westland, present (NJW). Chatham I., 3 at Big Slump on 29/11, 2 at L. Rakeinui on 12/1 (AJDT).

**GREY TEAL** *A. gibberifrons*

Bells I. SP, 8 on 29/8 (JMH), 60+ on 20/4 (PDG, CDQ). Waiau, 3 on 5/1 (LJD, SED). St Anne's Lagoon, 20+ on 25/12 (BEE). Hapuku, 2 on 12/9, 4 on 3/12, 10+ on 20/1, 8 on 3/2; L. Rotorua, Kaikoura, 13 ad. and 4 ducklings on 4/12 (BEE). L. Brunner, unconfirmed sighting on 11/8 (CSL). Brooklands Lagoon, 6 on 10/5 (AB); 3 on 15/6 (PL). Avon-Heathcote Est., 60 on 15/6 (CMM). L. Emma, 7 on 13/4 (DG). Hawksbury Lagoons, 200 on 24/3; L. George, 30 on 22/3 (CMM). L. Te Anau, 59 at south end on 19/7, 56 on 20/5 (JVM).

NEW ZEALAND SHOVELER *A. rhynchotis*

Farewell Spit, 70 on 2/6 (CMM). Westport Airport, c. 15 on 22/6 (DJO). L. Ryan, maximum count, 37 on 21/3; Cobden Lagoon, maximum counts, 2 in Jan, 1 in Feb, 21 in Mar, 40 in Apr, c. 50 in May, 40 in June; Blaketown Lagoon, 50+ on 21/4, 150 on 23/6 (NJW). Hapuku, 3 on 12/9, 2 on 20/1, 4 on 13/5 (BEE). Waiau, 3 on 5/1 (LJD, SED). St Anne's Lagoon, 30+ on 11/5 (AB). L. Evelyn, 1 on 29/11; Brooklands Lagoon, 14 on 15/6 (PL). Bromley SP, 600+ on 15/6 (CMM). L. Emma, 19 on 13/4 (DG). Washdyke Lagoon, 100+ on 7/7 (BHS). Hawksbury Lagoons, 50 on 24/3 (CMM). L. Te Anau, 20 at south end on 19/7, 47 on 20/5, 80+ on 24/5 (JVM).

BLUE DUCK *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*

Gourland Downs, 1 pr on 26/4 (TS). Present on Heaphy, Karamea, Wangapeka and Mokihinui Rivers, St James Walkway, Fox R. and 12 Mile Ck (DJO *et al.*). L. Rotoiti, 1 at Lake Head Jetty on 1/6, 3 on shore on 3/6 (NJJ). Lynn Stm, 2 on 8/4 (DG).

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP *Anhinga novaeseelandiae*

L. Rotorua, Kaikoura, 47 ad. and 3, 4 and 6 young on 4/12 (BEE). L. Kaniere, present all months, breeding, maximum of 14 on 28/8 (NJW, CSL). Waiau, 12 on 5/1 (LJD, SED). St. Anne's Lagoon, 40 on 25/12, including 1 bird with 3 ducklings and 1 bird with 9 ducklings (BEE). L. Sarah, 21 on 8/9, 30 on 2/3, 42 on 30/3; L. Letitia, 21 on 25/8; L. Grassmere, 73 on 23/9, 99 on 25/4, 103 on 26/5; L. Marymere, 15 on 10/11; L. Georgina, 6 on 7/4; Bromley SP, 35 on 27/4; The Groynes, Christchurch, 15 on 3/6 (PL). L. Emma, 311 on 13/4 (DG). L. Paringa, L. Moeraki, present (NJW). Pike R., 2 pr on 5/12 (BHS). L. McKerrow, 10+ on 5/12 (BHS). Martins Bay, 8 on 5/12 (BHS). L. Hauroko, 12 on 22/3 (CMM). L. Te Anau, 221 at south end on 7/4 (KM). L. Monowai, 50+ on 28/4 (MJ). L. Hauroko, 3 nests on 11/12, all hatched by 20/12; L. George, 1 male on pond, Henderson Extension, on 23/12 (WJC).

AUSTRALASIAN HARRIER *Circus approximans*

West Coast, common and breeding in agricultural area (PJF *et al.*). Mokihinui Forks, 1 on 6/4; Matiri Range, 1 on 8/4 (TS). L. Kaniere, 1 in Sept only (NJW). Chatham I., common, particularly in the north in Nov; South East I., several on 28/1 (AJDT). Yates Point, Fiordland, 1 on 14/8 (KM). Wairaurahiri R. Mouth, 1 on 19/5 (CCO).

NEW ZEALAND FALCON *Falco novaeseelandiae*

Stephens I., 1 on 7-11/6; Waikakaho Valley, 1 on 6/7 (WFC). Ward, regular visitor to farm; lame falcon killed NZ Pigeon on 5/5 (TJT). Oparara R., present, possibly breeding; Millerton, 1 ad. on 13/5; Westport, 1 on 1/5 (DJO). Homestead Spur, 1 at 1500 m on 17/2; Mt Terako, 1 on 8/4; Hapuku R., 1 chasing Black-backed Gull on 27/11; Kowhai R., 4 on 25-26/11; Charwell R., 1 on 5/5; Hundalees, 1 chasing Harrier and another heard on 17/5 (BEE). Hawdon R. 1 ad. and 3 imm. on 17/2 (JFMF, JSF). Logan Park, 1 on 14/6 (MD). Timaru Ck, L. Hawea, 1 on 6/2; Shovel Flat, Matakītaki R., pr probably nested on 18/2; Upper Manorburn Dam, 2 pr on 20/2 (PC). Rees Valley, 1 chasing Harriers at 25 Mile Hut on 5/4; Symes Rd, Old Man Range, 1 on 23/2 (BMCK). L. Hauroko, 1 road-killed on 22/3 (CMM).

NANKEEN KESTREL *F. cenchroides*

Tiwai Pt, 1 on 30/4, 29/6 (AW, WJC) and 28/7 (CMM, WJC).

**CHUKOR** *Alectoris chukar*

Mid Dome Pk, 9 at 1460 m asl on 26/3 (KM).

**PHEASANT** *Phasianus colchicus*

Greendale, 1 male on 22/6 (JMF, JSF).

**BANDED RAIL** *Rallus philippenis assimilis*

Waimea Est., 2 on 23/3 (GDQ, SH, DGO).

**CALIFORNIA QUAIL** *Lophortyx californica*

Lake Rotoiti, 1 on 21/12 (DJO), 2 on 27/12 (PJ). Homestead Spur, 2 at 930 m on 17/2 (BEE). Hanmer, bird sitting on 10 eggs (DH).

**WESTERN WEKA** *Gallirallus australis australis*

Heaphy Track, Buller, Greymouth and Inchbonnie, common (TS *et al.*). Charleston, breeding, newly hatched young on 27/8, 3/10 and 14/3, the latter independent by late June (DJO). Waimatua, 1 dead on road on 4/3 (WJC).

**BUFF WEKA** *G. hectori*

Chatham I., female hiding under kelp, occasionally submerged, pr with large downy chick on 22/11 (AJDT).

**MARSH CRAKE** *Porzana pusilla*

Todds Valley, 1 killed by cat on 23/3 (GDQ). Seddon, 1 juv., on 30/6 (TJT). Westport, present on pakihi ponds south of town (DJO). L. Sarah, 4 on 5/1 (PL). Maori Lakes, 3 on 22/10; L. Emma, 6 on 16/2, 1 on 13/4; Sunday I. (upper Rangitata), 1 on 20/10 (DG). L. Ellesmere, 1 on 4/6 (PL). Thornbury, 4 on 17/3 (CMM), seen regularly (OJL).

**PUKEKO** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

West Coast, common and breeding in wetlands and agricultural land (PJF *et al.*). Heathcote-Avon Est., c. 200 on paddocks on 16/5; South Coast, Chatham I., 3 plus large downy chick on 27/11 (AJDT).

**BLACK-TAILED WATER HEN** *Tribonyx ventralis*

Kongahu Swamp, 1 on 29/8 and present until Nov (CSL).

**AUSTRALIAN COOT** *Fulica atra australis*

St Anne's Lagoon, 5 on 11/5 (AB). L. Coleridge, 10 on 28/4; Bromley SP, 1 on 2/6; L. Emma, 16 on 13/4 (DG). Lower Lanes Dam, Alexandra, 13 including 2 imm. on 16/6; Upper Lanes Dam, 5+ on 16/6 (PC).

**SOUTH ISLAND PIED OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegus finschi*

L. Rotoiti, 3 on 23/11 (PJ), c. 80 on 20/12 in cut marshy paddock (DJO). L. Station, 30+ on 25/12 (PJ). Buller, common on larger estuaries; Okari Est., 150 on 12/8, 76 on 25/11, c. 290 on 22/6; Orowaiti Est., 0 on 25/11, c. 620 on 22/6; Charleston, flocks calling and moving north at night on 10, 11, 12 and 17/1 (DJO). Washdyke Lagoon, 7 on 7/7; Haldon Arm, L. Benmore, 1 on 14/7 (BHS). Central Otago, banded female K-4797 back at same nesting area for 14th consecutive season on 13/10 (PC). Aramoana, 80 on 12/8, 209 on 27/1 (BMcK). The Oval, Dunedin, 78 on 15/6 (PS).

**VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER** *H. unicolor*

Nelson Haven, 14 pr in Sep (JMH). Whites Bay, 1 pr nesting on 9/12, 2 young on 18/12, different pr with 2 eggs on 21/12, 2 young on 24/2 (BAN). Okari Est., 14 on 22/6; Orowaiti Est., 1 partially white bird on 15/9; Charleston, 1 pr bred c. 2.5 km from coast on a shingle river bed, 1 half grown chick on 13/2 (DJO). Kowhaihai R. maximum count of 11 on 25/11 (CSL). Okuru



Est., 25 on 6/6 (NJW). Martins Bay, 1 pr on 6/12 (BHS). Sandfly Bay, 4 on 14/7 (BMcK). Tomahawk Beach, 9 on 15/6 (PS). Angus Burn, 5 on 18/5; Wairaurahiri R. Mouth, 2 on 19/5 (CCO).

**SPUR-WINGED PLOVER** *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*

Stephens I., 3 on 1/6 (WFC). L. Rotoiti, c. 110 in cut marshy paddock on 20/12 (DJO). West Coast, common throughout (CSL *et al.*). Mokihinui Forks, 3 on 6/4 (TS). Dashwood, 1 pr with 4 young on 24/2 (BAN). Te Whanga Lagoon, Chatham I., 2 on 10/11 (AJDT). Washdyke Lagoon, 8 on 7/7; Haldon Arm, L. Benmore, 62 on 14/7; Ahuriri R., 2 on 2/12 (BHS). Stewart I., 2 at Ringaringa on 10/3, 2 at Native I. on 11/3 (CMM).

**LEAST GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva*

Orowaiti Est., 1 on 27/1 (DJO). L. Ellesmere, 7 on 13/4 (PL). Awarua Bay, 15 on 24/11 (WJC); 21 on 27/11 (MLB), 8 on 3/3, 1 in breeding plumage (MLB, WJC); 30 on 4/3 (MLB); 37 on 18/3, all but one in eclipse (WJC, GE, CMM). Awarua South, 2 in eclipse on 17/3 (WJC); 26 on 5/4 (KM, JVM). Waituna Lagoon, 7 on 10/2, 2 on 2/3 (MLB, WJC).

**NEW ZEALAND DOTTEREL** *Charadrius obscurus*

Farewell Spit, 6 in June (JMH). Motueka Sandspit, 1 on 9/2 (JMH, GDQ). Oreti Beach, 4 on 7/5, 3 on 3/6 (MLB). Awarua Bay south, 18 on 22/7 (WJC), 28 on 25/7 (JVM), 6 on 12/8 (WJC), 1 on 16/2 (RRS), 21 on 17/3 (WJC, GE, CMM); 27 on 14/4 (WJC); 21-33 from 17/3-29/6 (MLB). Smokey Beach, Stewart I., 1 on 6/4 (AJDT).

**BANDED DOTTEREL** *C. bicinctus*

Vernon Lagoons, 3 on 28/8 (WFC). Orowaiti Est., 49 on 10/2, 0-7 March to June (DJO). Blaketown Lagoon, maximum count, c. 35 on 20/2 (CSL *et al.*). Cobden Lagoon, 1-2 from Mar to May (NJW). Te Whanga Lagoon, Chatham I., 2 on 10/11 (AJDT). L. Lyndon, 2 on 24/11; Avon-Heathcote Est., 17 on 29/6 (PL). Washdyke Lagoon, 6 on 7/7; Ahuriri R., 5 pr on 2/12 (BHS). Martins Bay, 2 pr on 6/12 (BHS). Aramoana, 62 on 27/1 (BMcK). Cabbage Point, 44 on 11/1 (KCG). L. Hawea, one colour dyed and banded bird from Australia near lakehead on 29/9; Old Man Range, nest with 3 eggs in tundra zone 1 km south of Obelisk on 22/1 (PC). Kaipo Beach, Fiordland, 4 on 17/8 (KM). Awarua paddocks, 193 feeding among sheep on 2/6 in 2 paddocks 15 km apart; Awarua Bay, c. 300 on 3/3, 176 on 4/3, 17 on 9/3, 1 on 18/3; Waituna paddocks 258 feeding with other waders and sheep on 2/6 (MLB). Smokey Beach, Stewart I., 1 on 6/4 (AJDT).

**BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL** *C. melanops*

Ashburton R., a pr with 2+ chicks on 6/10 (DG). Homestead Tarn, Ahuriri R., 1 ad. on 12/6 (PC). Taieri R., Outram, 3 ad. and 2 chicks during survey on 17/11 (PS). Lower Mararora R., 1 imm. on 3/4; Mararora Dam, 9 ad. on 26/5, 7 ad. on 16/6 (KM). Waimatuku R. mouth, 1 on 29/4; Lower Mataura R., 2 on 28/4 (RRS).

**WRYBILL** *Anarhynchus frontalis*

Ashley R., 6 on 22/12 (RVM). Ashley R. Mouth, 1 on 15/6; L. Ellesmere, 44 on 24/8, 37 on 5/9 (PL); 60+ on 22/12 (PMS). L. Wainono, 1 on 17/11 (BW). Cabbage Point, 2 with 44 Banded Dotterel on 11/1 (KCG). Hawkesbury Lagoon, 1 found dead on 27/1 (PS). Oreti Beach, 3 on 7/5, 3 on 3/6, 4 on 19/6 (MLB). Invercargill Est. shellbanks, 1 on 3/1 (KM).

FAR-EASTERN CURLEW *Numenius madagascariensis*

Farewell Spit, 6 on 2/6 (CMM). Cabbage Point, 1 on 11/1 (KCG). Invercargill Est. shellbanks, 1 on 3/1 (KM). Waituna Lagoon, 10 on 3/1, 9 on 10/2, 9 on 2/3 (WJC), 7 on 19/3 (GE, CMM). Fortrose Est., 4 on 21/6 (MLB), 11 on 29/6 (SLL).

WHIMBREL sp. *N. phaeopus*

Waituna Lagoon, 2 on 3/1, 1 on 10/2 (WJC, MLB). Fortrose Est., 2 on 29/6 (SLL).

ASIATIC WHIMBREL *N. p. variegatus*

Avon-Heathcote Est., 1 on 27/10 (PL). Farewell Spit, 5 on 3/6 (CMM).

ASIATIC BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Avon-Heathcote Est., 7 on 27/4, 15/6, 30/6 (PL, CMM, PMS). L. Ellesmere, 11 during Jan (JFMF, JSF, PL); 8 on 15/2 (PG). L. George, Colac Bay, 1 on 16/3 (GJE, WJC, CMM).

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *L. lapponica*

West Coast, 799 in Nov census (CSL). Orowaiti Est., 4 on 27/1, 1 on 12/3 in breeding plumage, 4 on 22/6, 9 on 30/6; Okari Est., 34 on 25/11, 11 on 26/6 (DJO). L. Ellesmere, 18 on 21/1 (PL). Aramoana, 183 on 27/1 (BMcK). Invercargill Est., new migrants present on 28/9 (MLB). Awarua Bay, 257 on 18/3 (CMM).

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

L. Ellesmere, 1 through June (PL, CMM, PMS). Awarua Bay head, 1 on 3/3 (MLB, WJC).

MARSH SANDPIPER *T. stagnatilis*

Hawksbury Lagoon, 1 on 6/2, present for a month (KCG). Awarua Bay, 1 on 2/12 (KM, JVM). Waituna Lagoon, 1 on 3/1 (WJC).

TATTLER sp. *Tringa* sp.

Cabbage Point, 1 on 26/12 (KCG). Awarua Bay, 2 on 7/10, 4 on 24/11 (WJC); 3 on 19/12 (KM), 5 on 3/3 (MLB, WJC); 5 on 5/4, 1 with light barring breast and belly, 4 partly barred on side of breast (KM, JVM).

SIBERIAN TATTLER *T. brevipes*

Kaikoura, 1 on 27/1 with short nasal groove, 2 on 10/2, 1 positively identified (BEE). Aramoana, 2 on 30/4/83 (AJDT). Papanui Inlet, 1 on 15/6, 22/6 (KCG).

TEREK SANDPIPER *Xenus cinereus*

Awarua Bay head, 2 on 3/3 (MLB, WJC) and 18/3 (WJC, GE, CMM).

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Waituna Lagoon, 34 on 19/3, 25 on 4/5 (WJC, CMM). Awarua Bay, 300 on 18/3; Oreti Beach, 43 on 20/3 (CMM).

SNIPE sp. *Gallinago* sp.

L. George, Colac Bay, 1 on 19/12 (KM, JVM); 20/12 (WJC); 16/3 (WJC, GE, CMM); 21/3 (GE, CMM).

CHATHAM ISLAND SNIPE *Coenocorypha aucklandica pusilla*

South East I., many with large chicks but 1 on 2 eggs on 5/2 (AJDT).

KNOT *calidrus canutus*

Okari Est., 8 on 25/11 (CSL, DJO). L. Ellesmere, 29 on 12/1, 21/1 (PL). Aramoana, 2 on 25/11 (PS). Invercargill Est. shellbanks, 101 on 3/1 (KM); c. 600 at Jocks Roost on 3/1 (MLB); 3 on 29/6 (KM). Awarua Bay, 6 on 28/7 (KM); 52 on 4/3 (MLB); 110 on 18/3 (WJC, GE, CMM); 40 on 5/4 (KM, JVM).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER *C. acuminata*

L. Ellesmere, 17 on 24/2 (JFME, JSF); 3 on 7/3 (EG). Waituna Lagoon, 6+ on 3/1, 12 on 10/2 (MLB, WJC).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER *C. melanotos*

L. Ellesmere, 2 on 23/2 (CMM); 2 on 7/3 (EG). Inchclutha, 6 on 21/2 (KH), 6 on 10/3 (PS). L. George, Colac Bay, 1 on 20/12, 16/3, 31/3 (WJC, GE, CMM).

CURLEW SANDPIPER *C. ferruginea*

Awarua Bay, 1 on 24/11 (WJC); 4 on 19/12 (KM, JVM); 9 on 3/3 (MLB, WJC); 13 on 8/3 (WJC, GE, CMM); 13 on 5/4 (KM, JVM). L. Ellesmere, 9 on 22/12 (PMS); 4 on 8/6 (CMM).

RED-NECKED STINT *C. ruficollis*

Farewell Spit, 13 on 3/6 (CMM). L. Ellesmere, 87 on 22/12 (PMS); 56 on 2/1 (JFME, JSF); 42 on 1/3, 15 on 8/6 (CMM). Awarua Bay head, 33+ on 3/3 (MLB, WJC); 25 on 18/3 (WJC, GE, CMM); 32 on 5/4 (KM, JVM). Waituna Lagoon, 20+ on 5/12, 5 on 10/2, 2 on 3/3 (WJC, MLB).

SANDERLING *C. alba*

Awarua Bay, 1 on 18/3 (WJC, GE, CMM). Waituna Lagoon, 1 on 10/2, 2/3 (MLB, WJC).

PIED STILT *Himantopus himantopus leucophalus*

Orowaiti Est., maximum count, 63 on 23/6 (DJO). L. Ellesmere, 167 on 21/1 (PL). Opihi R. Mouth, 4 on 11/9 (BHS). Washdyke Lagoon, 62 on 7/7 (BHS). Kaikorai Est., 215 on 22/12 (AGH). L. Wanaka west, 1 on paddock on 26/6 (PC). L. Monowai, 71 on 18/3; Awarua Bay, 123+ on 4/3, 58 on 9/3 (MLB).

SOUTHERN GREAT SKUA *Stercorarius skua lombergi*

Charleston, 1 on 1/6 (DJO). Little Solander I., 1 on 16/3; Stewart I., 2 at Kuri Pt; 2 at Pearl I. on 26/11 (CMM).

POMARINE SKUA *S. pomarinus*

Charleston, 1 juv. on 21/2 (DJO). Coopers Lagoon, 1 at sea on 3/3 (JFME, JSF).

ARCTIC SKUA *S. parasiticus*

Charleston, 1 juv. on 21/2, 2 dark birds on 23/2, 1 light phase ad. on 23/2, 3 dark birds plus 1 juv. on 24/2, 2 dark phase ad., 1 light phase ad., 2 juv. plus 1 other on 20/3, 2 dark birds on 1/6 (DJO). Murumurus, Chatham I., 1 small skua, probably Arctic on 6/2 (AJDT). Coopers Lagoon, 3 at sea on 3/3 (JFME, JSF). St Kilda Beach, 7 chasing White-fronted Terns on 25/1 (PS, KCG). Clutha R. Mouth, 1 on 6/4 (KCG).

SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus dominicanus*

Nelson Boulder Bank, 1150 nests on 7/11 (JMH). L. Rotoiti, 4 on 20/12; Millerton, Denniston, large colonies at c. 700 m asl; Charleston, Tauranga Bay, isolated pairs nesting on cliffs; Rapahoe, large colony at c. 700 m asl (DJO). Angus Burn, 5 on 18/5; Wairautahiri R. Mouth, 8 on 19/5 (C.C.O).

RED-BILLED GULL *L. novaehollandiae scopulinus*

Nelson Boulder Bank, c. 800 nests on 7/11 (JMH). Greymouth, less common than Black-billed Gull (CSL). Big Slump, Chatham I., a few nesting offshore on 29/11 (AJDT).

BLACK-BILLED GULL *L. bulleri*

L. Rotoiti, c 400 in cut marshy paddock on 20/12 (DJO); 3 on foreshore on 14/10, 20 on 22/10, none on 21/12 (PJ). Grey R. Mouth, maximum count, c. 75 on 21/4; Cobden Lagoon, maximum count, 22 on 16/6; Blaketown Lagoon, maximum count, 30 on 29/6 (NJW). L. Pearson, 75 on 16/1 (PL), Waiau R., Balloon Loop, 197 ad., 82 new chicks on 5/12; Maraora Dam, 351 ad., 224 large downy chicks and 1184 nesting ad. on dam on 16/12 (KM). Thornbury, 2000+ on farm beside Aparima R. on 8-20/6 (OJL). Haast, common, (NJW).

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*

Motueka Sandspit, 50 on 9/2; Nelson Boulder Bank, 4 pr bred 1984/85 (JMH). Kaikoura, 1 on 9/6 (BEE), Mokihinui Est., Granity, Orowaiti Est., Buller R., Okari Est., Tauranga Bay, Punakaiki, Greymouth, 1-5 throughout the year (CSL, DJO, NJW). Lyell Ck Mouth, Buller R., 2 on 17/6 (BEE). Grey R. Mouth, 1 begging juv. on 20/2 (DJO). Cora Lynn, 2 on 24/1; Ashley R. Mouth, 2 on 15/6; Avon-Heathcote Est., 7 on 27/4; L. Ellesmere, 1 on 8/6 (PL). Rakaia R. Mouth, 56 on 15/6 (KH). Washdyke lagoon, 1 on 11/8 (PL). Waituna Lagoon, 10 on 19/3 (CMM). Warrington Beach, 2 on 18/11, 2 on 16/6; Papanui Inlet, 1 on 22/6; Cabbage Point, 2 ad., 2 young on 11/1 (KCG), 8 on 16/6 (BMcK). Catlins Lake, 2 juv. on 26/8 (BMcK). Ohau R. Mouth, 1 on shingle bar on 29/5 (PC). Thornbury, 2 beside Aparima R. on 8-20/6 (OJL).

BLACK-FRONTED TERN *Sterna albobriata*

Riwaka, 6 in June (AB). Motueka Sandspit, 1 juv. on 9/2 (JMH). Appleby, 6 in paddocks on 6/7 (GBW). Waimca Est., 1 on 11/4 (PW). Upper Wairau, 9 on 6/10; Fairhall, 33 on 25/6 (PJ). Dashwood, 550+ on 11/5 (TJT). L. Rotoiti, c. 40 in cut marshy paddock on 20/12, adult plumage (DJO). Howard R. Mouth, 4 ad. plus 1 juv. on 3/11 (PJ). Awatere, 88 on 29/6 (PJ). Greymouth breakwater, 1 on 20/2 (NJW). L. Pearson, 22 on 16/1; Ashley R. Mouth, 28 on 15/6 (PL). Opihi R. Mouth, 35 on 11/9 (BHS). Okura Est., 4 on 6/6 (NJW). Washdyke Lagoon, 11 on 11/8 (PL). Waituna Lagoon, 8 on 19/3 (CMM). Upper Oreti R., 5 taking fingerlings on 4/9 (WJC). Etal Ck, Aparima R., 21 on 27/7. 40 on 8/10 (MLB). Oreti Beach south, 294 on 24/2 (WJC). Whero Rock, 4 imm. nearby on 12/3 (CMM). Eglinton Valley, rare migrant, a few pr breed irregularly (KM, JVM). Halfmoon Bay, 2 on 5/4 (AJDT).

LITTLE TERN *S. albifrons*

Grossi Pt, 4 on 10/11 (EH).

**WHITE-FRONTED TERN** *S. striata*

Motueka Sandspit, 200 pr nested; Nelson Boulder Bank, unsuccessful nesting (JMH). Mohikinui Est., c. 115 during May; Granity, maximum count of c. 200 on 17/3; Tauranga Bay, 200-300 on Wall Rock on 11/8; Okari Est., 42 on 22/6; Charleston, maximum counts for each month, 3 in Aug, 9 in Sep, c. 20 in Nov, 25 in Feb, average ratio of 1 juv. to 4 ad., 43 in Mar, c. 100 in June (DJO). Grey R. Mouth, usually 1-10 from Dec to June but 37 on 18/3 and 200+ on 21/3 (NJW). Clay Pt, Banks Pen., c. 600 on 27/3 (BHS). Chatham I., 1 pr nesting at Red Bluff on 2/12, flocks of up to 60 seen on South Coast on 13-30/11, 1-2 pr breeding offshore at Big Slump on 29/11 (AJDT). Opihi R. Mouth, c. 40 on 11/9 (BHS). Otago Mole, 113 on 25/11, 200+ on 27/1 (BMcK). St Clair Beach, 1000+ on 25/1 (KCG, PS). Invercargill Est., 67 nests with eggs on 27/11 (MLB).

**NEW ZEALAND PIGEON** *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*

Mt Richmond, 1 at 1250 m on 2/12 (SLK). L. Rotoiti, 1 in plum blossom on 16/9 (PJ). Mt Fyffe Hutt, 1 flew over at 1150 m on 18/5 (BEE). Greymouth, present (CSL). Westport, present (DJO), Te Anau Wildlife Park, 23 feeding on crack willow on 2/8, 35 on 19/8; Queens Reach, Te Anau - Manapouri, 54 feeding on grass and clover on 12/8; Manapouri, 59 feeding on grass on 8/9 (AW).

**CHATHAM ISLAND PIGEON** *H. novaeseelandiae chathamensis*

Chatham I., none seen from Pinnacles to Ko Oreao on 13-30/11 (AJDT).

**ROCK PIGEON** *Columba livia*

Grovetown, 40 on 7/11 (PJ),

**WHITE COCKATOO** *Cacatua galerita*

Greymouth, escaped cage bird present for past 3-4 years (CSL).

**SOUTH ISLAND KAKA** *Nestor meridionalis*

Heaphy Track, 1 at Saxon Hut on 27/4, 2 at Saxon R. on 28/4 (TS). L. Rotoiti, pr chased by Tui on 11/8, 1 feeding in beech, 6 m from habitation on 18/11, heard flying from Big Bush to St Arnaud at 0545 h on 7/4 (PJ). Charleston, present in unlogged forest (DJO). Hollyford Valley, common from Hokuri R. to road end on 20/11; Routeburn Valley, 1 near Falls Hut on 27/4 (SCS). Blue Mountains, 1+ in May (MF). Otatarā, 1 present Nov-Dec (WJC). L. Hauroko, 1 on 22/3 (CMM).

**KEA** *N. notabilis*

Goulard Downs, 2 on 26/4; Mohikinui Forks, 1 on 6/4; Matiri Range, 8 on 7/4 (TS). L. Rotoiti, 3 at camp ground on 20/12; Charleston, 4 during Mar-April were well outside their normal range (DJO). L. Alta, Queenstown, 2+ in bluffs on 18/3 (PC).

**EASTERN ROSELLA** *Platycercus eximius*

Bethune's Gully, Dunedin, 1 on 14/10 (AGH). Leith Valley, 2 on 27/7 (AJDT). Arrowtown, 1 from Aug-Oct (MJS).

**CHATHAM ISLAND RED-CROWNED PARAKEET**
*Cyanoramphus novaeseelandiae chathamensis*

Chatham I., a few at Ko Oreao in Nov, 2 at Cascades on 10/1, a few at Murphys Hill 15-20/1 (AJDT).

PARAKEET sp. *Cyanoramphus* sp.

Heaphy Track, 1 at Lewis Hut on 25/4 (TS). Charleston, present in unlogged forest (DJO). L. Kaniere, present in most months (NJW). L. Hauroko, 3 on 22/3 (CMM). Codfish I., abundant throughout, particularly in groups of 2-3. Yellow-crowned Parakeets more common at higher altitudes, Red-crowned Parakeets at lower levels. Second most common bird along coastal tracks (WJC).

YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET *C. auriceps*

Mavora L., 2 on 9/9 (BMcK). Rouburn Valley, widespread, especially in red beech forest on 24/4 (SCS).

ORIENTAL CUCKOO *Cuculus saturatus*

Tukurua, Golden Bay. One on 2-4/12 (W. R. L. Wilkins). Cobden, 1 in Feb, in same garden as last year (CSL). Seddonville, 1 present Jan-Mar (NZFS).

SHINING CUCKOO *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

L. Rotoiti, 2 on 20/12 (DJO). Westport, 1st record on 26/9 (TS). Charleston, 1st on 25/9, newly fledged bird on 19/12, song ceased on 18/1 (DJO). Reefton, many on 27/10; Greymouth, 1st on 9/8 (CSL); 1 juv. in late Dec; L. Kaniere, 1st in 3rd week of Oct (NJW), Christchurch, 1 gleaning caterpillars from kowhai on 5/4 (PMS). Alexandra, 1 flew into window on 22/1 (PC). Te Anau, 1st heard on 5/10; Manapouri, 1st heard on 7/10 (AW).

LONG-TAILED CUCKOO *Eudynamys taitensis*

Mt Duppa, heard on 6/2 (JMH). L. Rotoiti, heard after dark on 20/12 (DJO). Charleston, no records; Fox R., only record of 1 on 10/11 (DJO). Greymouth, no records (CSL). L. Kaniere, 1 dead in late Oct (NJW). Martins Bay, 1 on 5/12 (BHS). Southbridge, 1 on 7/3 (CO'D). Waiau R., Rainbow Reach, 1st heard on 7/10 (AW).

MOREPORK *Ninox novaeseelandiae*

Kaihoka Lakes, heard in May (JB). West Coast, common, breeding (CSL, DJO, NJW). Codfish I., 1 mobbed by 5 Brown Creeper, chased by 2 Bellbirds on 28/10 (WJC).

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Takaka, heard in winter (LL). Otago Hbr, 1 dead on Pilots Beach on 23/3 (AJDT). Invercargill, 1 on 19-21/4 and 27/4, flew into suburban gardens at dusk causing alarm calls followed by silence from other birds (MLB), 2 seen in pines on 29/8 and 3/6 (MC).

NEW ZEALAND KINGFISHER *Halcyon sancta*

Kaikoura to Ure, 9 on wires on 13/6 (PJ). West Coast, fairly common, breeding (PJE, CSL, DJO, NJW). Charleston, song from 14/8-27/2 (DJO). L. Ryan, only record of 1 on 21/3; L. Kaniere, uncommon, recorded from Sep onwards (NJW). Craigieburn Stm, 1 on 31/3 at 800 m asl (PL). Karitane, 6 on 16/5 (PS). Papanui Inlet, 3 on 22/6; Andersons Bay, 2 on 18/8; Catlins, 1 on 4/1; Macandrew Bay, 4 on 22/6 (KCG). Alexandra, 1 at Muttontown Gully on 18/5, 1 at Manor Ck on 20/6 (PC). Invercargill coast, last spring sighting on 3/9, 1st autumn sighting on 7/2 (MLB). Smokey Beach, Stewart I., 1 on 6/4 (AJDT).

SOUTH ISLAND RIFLEMAN *Acanthisitta chloris chloris*

Heaphy Track, recorded only from MacKay Hut to Perry Saddle on 24-29/4 (TS). L. Kaniere, common; Paringa State Forest, nest building at 1000 m asl and lower on 3/10 (NJW).

ROCK WREN *Xenicus gilviventris*

Mt Bauff, West Matukituki, 1 pr and 1 imm. at 1370+ m asl on 19/2 (PC). Milford Track, 1 on Clinton side of Mackinnon Pass on 10/3; Hollyford Valley, 1 on rocks among knee-deep snow near Harris Saddle on 26/4 (SCS).

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

West Coast, common, breeding on agricultural land and pakihi (PJF *et al.*) Matiri Range, 1 on Thousand Acre Plateau on 8/4 (TS).

WELCOME SWALLOW *Hirundo tahitica neoxena*

L. Rotoiti, 6-7 at camp ground on 20/12 (DJO). West Coast, locally common, less so in winter (CSL). L. Kaniere, uncommon, 2 on 27/8; L. Ryan, maximum count of 16-20 on 23/6 (NJW). L. Sarah, 2 on 14/1 with empty nest (PL). Omarama, 2 on 2/4 (ARB). West Taieri, highest winter count of 42 on 13/5 (PS). Clinton, 1st record for area of 2 on 1/12 (MT). Haast, 3 on 18/5 (PC). Mararora Est., 1 imm. on 3/4 (KM).

PIPIT *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

Forsyth I., 3 on 11/1 (PJ). Goulard Downs Hut, 2 on 27/4; MacKay Hut, 3 on 26/4; Mohikanui Forks, 3 on 6/4; Matiri Range, 4 on 8/4 (TS). Greymouth area, no records (NJW). Kokatahi-Kowhiterangi, none on 27/4 (CSL). Mt Fyffe, several at 1600 m on 16/3; Mt Terako, 1 at 1820 m on 8/4 (BEE). Chatham I., common on south coast, South-East I. and Pitt I. during summer months (AJDT). Old Man Range, 1 taking insects from edge of a late snowbank on 5/2 (PC). Native I., 1 on 11/3 (CMM).

HEDGESPARROW *Prunella modularis*

Heaphy Track, recorded throughout on 24-29/4 (TS). Charleston, song from July to 29/1, newly fledged young 19/10 to 2/2 (DJO). L. Kaniere, song from July (NJW). Chatham I., present at Ko Oreao on 25/11 and several at Murphys Hill on 15-22/1 (AJDT).

SOUTH ISLAND FERNBIRD *Bowdleria punctata punctata*

Heaphy Track, 1 at MacKay Hut on 25/4, 5 at Goulard Downs Hut on 27/4, 2 at Perry Saddle on 27/4 (TS). Millerton, Denniston, present; Charleston, common, breeding on rough farmland and pakihi, expands range Jan-July to include logged forest and improved pasture (DJO, CSL). Cobden, 1 on 15/3, the only record (NJW). L. Kaniere, 1 pr present June-Aug (NJW). Blue Mountains, south end, 1 in scrub and tall snow tussock on 25/2 (AC), Te Anau, 1 at Ivon Wilson Park on 6/4 only (KM, JVM). L. Monowai, 2 on 16/3 (MLB). Freshwater Flats, Stewart I., saw 4 and heard many more on 8/4 (AJDT).

CODFISH FERNBIRD *B. punctata rufescens*

Sealers Bay, 3 in dunes on 28/10 (WJC).

BROWN CREEPER *Finschia novaeseelandiae*

Nelson, 4 in suburban garden on 29/6 (PDG). Freshwater Flats, Stewart I., abundant in manuka on 8/4 (AJDT). Heaphy Track, 5 near MacKay Hut on 25/4, 2 at Blueshirt Ck on 26/4, 2 at Saxon Hut on 26/4; Matiri

Gorge, 2 on 9/4 (TS). Charleston, common, breeding (DJO). Cobden, 1-5 resident; L. Kaniere, small numbers present, full song from Aug (NJW). Mt Nimrod, 2 on 9/9 (BHS). Green Hut, Silver Peaks, 5 on 12/8 (BMcK). L. Hawea, heard in mountain beech in Timaru Ck on 6/2; Blue Mountains, in silver beech above Rongahere on 25/2 (PC). Pounaweia, present on 10/1 (KCG). L. Hauroko, 12 on 22/3 (CMM).

**YELLOWHEAD** *Mohoua ochrocephala*

Paringa, Mataketake State Forests, present at c. 800-1000 m asl but uncommon (NJW). Hawdon R., 3 on 17/2 (JFME, JSF). Blue Mountains, 2 in silver beech on 25/2 (PC). Frank Stm, Catlins, 2 on 14/1 (KCG). L. Hauroko, heard on 22/3 (CMM).

**GREY WARBLER** *Gerygone igata*

L. Rotoiti, 1 taking insects inside house on 13/8 (PJ). Charleston, nest building started on 24/8, 1st egg on c. 12/9 (DJO).

**CHATHAM ISLAND WARBLER** *G. albofrontata*

South Coast, a few at Ko Oraeo on 13-30/11, also at Cascades on 10/11 (AJDT)

**SOUTH ISLAND FANTAIL** *Rhipidura fuliginosa fuliginosa*

Charleston, 1st courtship feeding on 31/8, 1st fledged on 28/10 (DJO). Greymouth area, maximum numbers in autumn and winter (NJW). L. Hauroko, 5 black, 7 pied on 22/3 (CMM).

**CHATHAM ISLAND FANTAIL** *R. fuliginosa penitus*

South Coast, a few near Ko Oraeo on 13-30/11; Pinnacles, 1 on 20/11; Cascades, common on 10/11 (AJDT).

**YELLOW-BREASTED TIT** *Petroica macrocephala macrocephala*

L. Rotoiti, female collecting insects on 13/10, male with Silvereyes on 2/3, more tits seen than usual (PJ). Seddon, 1 juv on 9/1 (SLK). Cobden, only record of 1 on 29/4 (NJW). Charleston, 1st egg on c. 28/8, last fledgling on c. 9/1 (DJO). L. Kaniere, song began last week of July (NJW). Mt Nimrod, 3 males on 9/9 (BHS). Dunedin Botanic Gardens, 1 on 2/2 (ARB).

**SOUTH ISLAND ROBIN** *P. australis australis*

L. Rotoiti, 1 in house on 23/3 (PJ). Sandy Saddle, Mt Fyffe, 1 on 16/3; Orange Grove Saddle, 1 at 928 m asl on 17/2; L. Rotorua, Kaikoura, 1 on 4/12 (BEE). Saxon R., 1 on 28/4; Mohikanui R., present during April at the forks, Hennessy Ck, Larrikins Ck, and Goat Ck (TS). Charleston, dispersal from breeding areas began on 5/11 with small numbers present until 30/7. Males sing in what are apparently winter territories (DJO). Minchin Ck, 1 male and 1 1st year bird beside track to Minchin Ck, 400 m before highest point on the track (JRJ). Fiordland, locally resident in the east, common in red beech in Eglinton Valley; rare in western Fiordland although common on Breaksea I. where Norway rats are also present (KM). Freshwater Flats, saw 5 and heard many more on 8/4 (AJDT).

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

Greymouth, singing started mid May; L. Kaniere, singing started in Aug (NJW). Westport, 1st fledgling on 8/10 (DJO), Murphys Hill, Chatham I., 2 on 20/1 (AJDT).



**BLACKBIRD** *T. merula*

Charleston, song from 11/8 to 31/3 (DJO). L. Kaniere, song began last week in Sep when Hokitika birds were feeding nestlings (NJW). Murphys Hill, Chatham I., a few caught by mistnet, none seen or heard otherwise (AJDT).

**SILVEREYE** *Zosterops lateralis*

Heaphy Track, many birds flying north along coast on 24/4, some heading east over Perry Saddle on 28/4 (TS). Charleston, 1st nest building on 21/9, 1st fledgling on 10/11 (DJO). L. Kaniere, few birds in Sep (NJW). L. Rotoiti, feeding young on 24/2 (PJ). South Coast, Chatham I., common in summer; South East I., several on 30/1 (AJDT).

**BELLBIRD** *Anthornis melanura*

L. Rotoiti, young calling for food on 13/10 (PJ). Charleston, a very successful breeding season, 1st fledgling on 24/10 (DJO). Rangiora, 1 heard on 25/2 (RVM). Mataketake State Forest, nest building on 7/10 (NJW). Mt Nimrod, several heard on 9/9 (BHS). Blue Mountains, 1 albino above Rongahere on 25/2 (PC).

**TUI** *Prothemadera novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*

Greymouth, feeding on kowhai Aug-Sep (CSL); only other records Dec, 21/5 and 16/6; L. Kaniere, highest numbers in Nov when feeding on kamahi and Quintinia flowers (NJW).

**CHATHAM ISLAND TUI** *P. novaeseelandiae chatkamensis*

South Coast, a few at Ko Oraeo on 13-30/11 and at Cascades on 9/1; South-East I., flock of c. 20 rising high above Woolshed Bush for several minutes until 11 flew off towards Pitt I., on 5/2 (AJDT).

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*

Buller, common, breeding on drier coastal areas, some movement during winter (DJO).

**CIRL BUNTING** *E. cirrus*

Ward, 1 pr with young on 1/3 (TJT). Hapuka, several birds seen on 20/1 (BEE). Nelson Haven, c. 8-12 on salicornia flats during winter months (GDQ, JMH).

**CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

L. Rotoiti, c. 20 eating Coprosma fruit on 24/2 (PJ). Charleston, song 7/8 to 1/2 (DJO). Greymouth, song stopped by mid Jan, no large winter flocks this year; L. Kaniere, 1st song on 31/8 (NJW). Chatham I., a few at Ko Oraeo in Nov (AJDT). South Westland, most widespread finch (NJW).

**GREENFINCH** *Carduelis chloris*

West Coast, less numerous than other finches (CSL, NJW). Charleston, last fledgling on 11/3 (DJO).

**GOLDFINCH** *C. carduelis*

Ward, 100+ on rape paddock on 10/5 (TJT). West Coast, present in native forest and tussock; Mohikinui Forks, 2 on 6/4; Heaphy Track, c. 20 on 25-29/4 (TS). Little Totara R., very few in winter, then 12 singing on 24/10 and up to 15 until Jan (DJO). L. Kaniere, c. 50 on 27/4 (CSL). Courtenay, 400+ on 14/4, more than usual (JFME, JSF).

**REDPOLL** *C. flammea*

Perry Saddle, 8 on 27/4; Goulard Downs, 1 on 27/4; Matiri Range, 62 on 8/4 (TS). Ward, 100-200 on fathen paddock on 20/7, 1000+ in March (TJT). Little Totara R., most numerous from late Oct, when 30 were singing, to Feb, maximum count of 50 on 10-15/1, 1st fledgling not until 10/1 (DJO). Greymouth, uncommon until a few birds in Jan (NJW). Courtenay, 200+ from Feb-April, fewer than usual (JFME, JSF).

**STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Ward, 1 cream bird in March (TJT). Greymouth, large roost at Point Elizabeth (NJW); smaller local roosts such as grove of bamboo in Moana St (CSL). Little Totara R., almost absent from breeding sites Dec-Feb (DJO).

**MAGPIE** sp. *Gymnorhina tibicen*

Cobden, 1 on 22/6 (NJW). Ngahere, 2 on 18/8; Matai, 2 on 18/8; L. Kaniere, 3 on 27/4; Kokatahi, 4 on 27/4 (CSL). Inchbonnie, very common (PJF).

**BLACK-BACKED MAGPIE** *G. tibicen tibicen*

Hapuku, 2 on 3/2 (BEE).

**WHITE-BACKED MAGPIE** *G. tibicen hypoleuca*

Blenheim, 1 in May (TJT).

**ROOK** *Corvus frugilegus*

Ward, 1 pr in May (TJT). L. Rotoiti, Kaikoura, 9 with magpies on 4/2 (BEE). Earnsleugh, 2 in Oct; Keyburn, 1 resident in pines near bridge in Nov; Sutton, 150+ on 9/12 (PC), 108 on 22/3 (KM, JVM).