

it weighed 81 g, and the wing measured 171 mm. It left the site that evening, 69 days after hatching (cf. Beck & Brown, 65 and 61 days).

Contrary to Beck & Brown, whenever the site was examined neither the parents nor the chick was facing the entrance tunnel. Perhaps human noise had caused the birds to do so in their case. The adult's call was never heard. The chick called in its early days when handled.

REFERENCES

- BECK, J. H.; BROWN, D. W. 1971. The breeding biology of the Black-bellied Storm Petrel *Fregetta tropica*. Ibis 113: 73-90.
TICKELL, W. L. N. 1968. The biology of the grand albatrosses *Diomedea exulans* and *Diomedea epomophora*. Antarctic Research Series Vol. III. American Geophysical Union.

D. TURNER, *Libyan Higher Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 68, Brack, Libya.*



GIANT PETREL IN FIJIAN WATERS

At 1500 on 6 August 1979 at 18°23'S 177°04'E, which is some 22 n. miles from the south-west corner of Viti Levu, a Giant Petrel (*Macronectes* sp.) with uniformly dark plumage and a light bill followed in the wake of the ship for about ten minutes.

This sighting supports the hypothesis that Giant Petrels have a "maximum northerly extension of range during August" made by Jenkins, Cheshire & Nesfield in "Some data on the distribution of the Giant Petrel in the Tasman Sea and the South-west Pacific," *Australasian Seabird Bull.* 8: 12-19.

JOHN JENKINS, 14 Lochiel Road, Remuera, Auckland.



TWO MORE GIANT PETREL RECORDS FROM FIJI

Giant Petrels (*Macronectes* sp.) have only rarely been seen in Fiji, King (1967: 104) knowing of only two records, one of which was that of the Morgans (1965: 158) who saw an exhausted immature bird near Suva on 22 August 1961. I am not familiar with the other record. Two more definite records of immature Giant Petrels were made in Fiji in 1979.

During the first week of July a dying bird was found at Natadola reef on the south-west Viti Levu coast by Mr Kaliova Segaturaga. A photograph of its body was printed in the *Fiji Sun* newspaper on 18 July 1979.

On 11 August 1979 Mr Ian Goodlet was shown an exhausted bird captured by villagers of Namara on Waya Sewa island, one of the southernmost islands of the Yasawa chain, which lies north-west of Viti Levu.

The handful of records to date suggests that there may be a movement of immature Giant Petrels through Fiji in July and August.

LITERATURE CITED

- KING, W. B. 1967. Seabirds of the Tropical Pacific Ocean. Smiths. Inst. Washington DC.
MORGAN, B.; MORGAN, J. 1965. Some notes on the birds of the Fiji Islands. *Notornis* 12: 158-168.

FERGUS CLUNIE, *Fiji Museum, P.O. Box 2023, Suva, Fiji.*