



MOULT RECORDING SCHEME CONVENOR

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Objectives of the position generally

- Efficiently maintain the Moulting Recording Scheme.
- Promote moulting recording as a means of collecting data on moulting of birds.
- To encourage Birds New Zealand members to take every opportunity to fill in moulting cards.
- Specific objectives:
 - To collect information on the moulting patterns of all New Zealand bird species, in particular the pattern and timing of wing and tail moulting.
 - To instruct members how wing and tail feathers are counted and how to score moulting.

Objectives to future proof the scheme

To achieve these objectives the following are considered to be the main priorities:

1. To make contact with all the people who hold NZ moulting data and understand what data they hold and in what format.
2. To gain an understanding of the state of all moulting holdings in New Zealand.
3. Prepare a report to Council on the necessary steps to protect, curate and document all available moulting data in NZ.
4. As and when required Council may revise this job description to set the Convenor's role for the future.
5. With the approval of Council oversee the development of a state-of-the-art moulting recording system for NZ.

Duties of Convenor

1. Be prepared to think of novel ways to engage with people who hold moulting data in NZ and extract it from them.
2. Develop data sharing agreements to facilitate the Society getting access to all the moulting data in NZ.
3. Prepare an annual report to Council on the activities of the Scheme.
4. Critically evaluate this descriptor and update it and submit drafts to Council for approval.
5. Not to get disheartened by the state of moulting records in NZ.