

**BNZRF project: Birds New Zealand moult workshop, David Melville and Paul Fisher**

The project aims to promote a better understanding of moult in New Zealand birds. Molt of most native NZ birds has not been well described, largely because few banders are trained in assessing feather wear, moult sequence and strategies and scoring moult. The workshop will promote standardised methods of assessing and recording moult in birds through a series of presentations and the examination of live birds, preserved wings/skins and photographs. The Nelson-based workshop, dates to be confirmed, will be aimed at experienced banders to “train the trainers”, thereby maximizing the ripple effect of spreading moult studies throughout New Zealand. Knowledge gained will enable further studies in support of preferred themes for the Birds New Zealand Research Fund, including ageing birds to better understand translocation success and failure, movement ecology and population demography.



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