

TABLE 1 — Egg dimensions (mean, standard error of mean, range, in mm) and volume index (length x breadth²) of Southern Buller's Mollymawks breeding on the Snares Islands in 1948, 1969 and 1993. For each year measurements are given for the colony as a whole and for female M-14721 alone. Measurements for 1948 are from Richdale (1949, Table 4).

	Length	Breadth	LB ²
1948 (N = 64)	103.2, 0.47, 93.5-111.0	65.4, 0.25, 0.8-69.8	441
M-14721	111.0	64.5	462
1969 (N = 97)	103.6, 0.38, 93.9-111.9	64.9, 0.19, 59.9-69.9	436
M-14721	106.7	64.9	449
1993 (N = 41)	105.4, 0.94, 91.9-114.3	64.8, 0.34, 59.8-68.5	445
M-14721	91.9	59.8	329

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White-bellied Storm Petrel revisited

A well-decayed storm petrel found by T.D. Morrison on Hampden Beach, North Otago, on 12 June 1987 was provisionally identified by one of us (JTD) as a dark morph White-bellied Storm Petrel (*Fregetta grallaria*) and hence recorded as an unusual find (Powlesland 1989: see also Gaze 1988, Marchant & Higgins 1990). We have since re-examined it and now propose that it was a Black-bellied Storm Petrel (*F. tropica*).

Description: Upperparts sooty black, upper tail-coverts white. Flanks white, centre of belly black with flecks of white but not an unbroken line.

Measurements (mm): Wing 160, culmen 15, mid-toe 30, tarsus 44. Plumage alone is insufficient to confirm the identification of this species. However, when measurements and description are compared with those from Marchant & Higgins (1990) and Rowe & Plant (1989), we conclude that this specimen is *F. tropica*, not *F. grallaria*.

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