

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE  
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF R. A. FALLA

The following items amend the bibliography of R. A. Falla in *Notornis* 27 (2): 187-195 (1980).

*Additions*

Three items have been supplied by R. J. Scarlett.

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*Corrections*

The last two items listed under 1949 (p. 190), "The *Notornis* has chicks" and "The egg came after the chick" were written and illustrated by Mr J. H. Sorensen for the *New Zealand Listener* and not by R. A. Falla. I apologise to Mr Sorensen for any embarrassment caused by the error.

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## GODWITS CHASING SKUA

On 31 March 1980 I was at the oxidation pond at the top of Nelson Haven, the weather was strong N.W. with heavy showers. I watched a skua, Pomarine or Arctic, dark phase, white at base of primaries very marked, smaller than Black-backed Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) but decidedly larger than a Red-billed Gull (*Larus scopulinus*) chase a Red-billed Gull in from the sea over the Boulder Bank. The Skua then swept back and forth over the oxidation pond causing complete disturbance among all the birds feeding and roosting in the area, including about 100 Red-billed Gulls, 50 Duck sp., about 50 White-fronted Terns (*Sterna striata*), 150 South Island Pied Oystercatchers (*Haematopus finschi*), 90 Pied Stilts (*Himantopus leucocephalus*) and 46 Godwits (*Limosa lapponica*).

The Skua was chased by the flock of Godwits, one Godwit actually grabbing the Skua's wing in its bill and pulling the Skua off balance. The Skua then chased the Red-billed Gulls and was itself chased by a Black-backed Gull. Having completely upset the whole area it then flew away out to sea.

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