#### 1971 ANNUAL MEETING

Christchurch members were hosts to this year's gathering of members on 14th, 15th and 16th May.

The retiring President, Dr. G. R. Williams, welcomed 53 members to the Annual General Meeting and explained that he was now leaving the Council after having served for fifteen years. In this time the Society had grown in numbers, new schemes had been undertaken, the size of "Notornis" had increased, and the Checklist and the Field Guide have been published. He recommended members to help with surveys now being undertaken by the Forest Service with a view to conversion of native forests to plantations of exotics, as neither Forest Service nor the Wildlife Branch are able to complete the necessary work on their own. Dr. Williams suggested that the Society might accept responsibility for a national library of sound recordings of bird song, suggested in the past, and now an obvious need. He expressed his thanks to a very loyal and efficient Council which had supported him.

Mr. David Tisdall, of Upper Moutere, Nelson, was announced winner of the year's Junior Member Award. Grants from the Project Assistance Fund have been made to Mrs. J. B. Hamel for work on the excavation of moa remains at Papatowai, and to the preparator of the Dominion Museum for travel within the Fiji Islands.

It was announced that instead of the usual form of study courses, this year's Labour Week-end activities were to be directed to special efforts on the Bird Distribution Mapping Scheme in all regions. Special planning would aim to use people from the larger regions to cover those areas still not surveyed.

Mr. J. P. C. Watt distributed copies of his Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet and commented on some major points. The meeting voted thanks to Mr. Watt on his retirement as treasurer, and welcomed Mr. H. W. M. Hogg, of Dunedin, to the position. Under the constitution, Mr. Hogg's appointment by Council is for the unexpired portion of the term of the person he replaces, in this case for the year to May 1972, when the position will be open to election.

In the absence of Mr. R. B. Sibson, his report as Editor was read by the Secretary, and received with acclamation. Mr. Sibson tendered his resignation, to take effect from the end of the present volume, as he is retiring and will make an extended overseas trip. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sibson in recognition of his 16 years of distinguished service, with good wishes on his retirement and overseas trip. It was announced that Mr. Elliott Dawson has been appointed editor from the beginning of Volume 19.

Reports from all schemes and sub-committees were read to the meeting, and adopted, to be published in "Notornis."

Mr. F. C. Kinsky was declared elected President of the Society for the next three years, and Mr. B. D. Bell Vice-President. After counting of votes cast in the postal ballot, Mr. D. V. Merton and Mr. A. Blackburn were declared elected to the two places on the Council.

The new constitution was discussed, put to the meeting and carried, voting being 30 for and 16 against. Therefore the draft circulated to all members with the March "Notornis" becomes the

Society's constitution on 1st January, 1972, with one amendment made by this meeting: Clause 5 (b) now reads "Student members 20 years of age or under, who elect to receive a 25% rebate from the annual subscription on application to the Treasurer, shall receive all publications and notices, but shall have no right to vote at any general meeting or in any postal ballot." Members are advised to make this amendment to their copies, so that they will then have a complete copy of the new constitution.

Due to a general feeling of uncertainty as to the proposer's exact intention, the motion seeking to amend the constitution by provision for "supporting members" was not voted on, but referred back on the ruling of the chairman, supported by a motion from the

meeting.

The annual conference of Regional Representatives was held on Saturday morning and the afternoon was devoted to the presentation of three papers:— Dr. K. Wodzicki, "The Birds of Niue"; Dr. P. C. Bull, "A Report on the Bird Distribution Mapping Scheme"; and Mr. A. Blackburn, "The Birds of Fiji."

Field trips on Sunday completed a very enjoyable and well-

organised round of meetings.

— B. A. ELLIS

### LIBRARY REPORT 1st January to 31st December ,1970

The past year has been busy and encouraging, with the usual journals and separates coming in. These have been catalogued and there is a steady demand for borrowings. The inter-loan scheme is still popular, and it is interesting to note how frequently these books and journals go to University students all through the country.

A new publication which has been arranged for (on an annual exchange basis) is "California Birds," Journal of California Field Ornithologists. The four issues for 1970 are held and more will

come. These are available to members by post.

Our thanks and appreciation must again be expressed to the Director of the Auckland War Memorial Museum and the Council for the accommodation they continue to let us have.

We have said farewell to Miss Evans, but to Mr. Thwaites, the new Librarian, and his staff, we also express many thanks for all they do.

— HETTY McKENZIE, Hon. Librarian

### DONATIONS, 1970

The Society gratefully acknowledges the extra monies provided by endowment members, and also the following donations exceeding \$1.00 received during the year ended 31/12/70.

C. P. Parsonson \$1.00; M. A. Waller \$5.00; S. P. Robinson \$1.00; J. A. Fagan \$1.00; S. R. Emmens \$1.00; Dr. D. Dawson \$1.00; R. S. Cowan \$3.00; G. Wightman \$1.00; E. St. Paul \$2.00; Anon. \$2.00; Miss B. McDougall \$13.00; Mrs. G. Dudley \$2.00; J. C. Davenport \$2.00; M. Keillor \$1.00; J. R. M. Chorlton \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Barfoot \$10.00; R. C. Mueller \$3.00; R. N. Holdaway \$2.00; J. A. Keast \$9.50; Dr. M. Buchler \$1.00; R. Houston \$1.00; W. Salmons \$1.00; K. Kirby \$1.00; A. T. Poulton \$2.00.

# BALANCE SHEET As at 31st December, 1970

1969 \$	CURRENT ASSETS:			\$	1970
3969	Cash at Bank N.Z.			3559	
-	Cash at Bank N.Z. Te Aro				**
20	Sundry Amounts owed to Society			<del></del>	
519	Bank of N.Z. Savings Account			1001	
100 100	Stock of "Notornis"  Stocks of "Biology of Birds"			100 100	
	Slocks of Blology of Birds				
4708	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS				\$5562
	INVESTMENTS AT COST:				
5281	Shares in Public Companies			5173	***
5274	Local Body Stocks	••••		4875	
10555	TOTAL INVESTMENTS				\$10048
1000	Library at Valuation				1000
16263	TOTAL ASSETS				\$16610
	LESS LIABILITIES:				
873	Amounts owed by the Society			1085	
-	Amount received for Checklist		****	802	**
176	Subscriptions in Advance			187	
	RESERVE FUNDS:				
251	Minor Expeditions			-	
-	Projects Assistance Reserve Fund		• • • •	300	
1414 1000	Life Subscriptions		••••	1357 1000	
	Fublications				
3714	TOTAL LIABILITIES	• • • •			\$4731
12549	VALUE OF ACCUMULATED		<b>\$</b> 11879		
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	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				
13965	Balance at 31/12/69	••••	••••		12549
312	Deficiency for year	••••		621	
1104	Transfer to Publications Transfer to Projects Assistance Re	901VØ	Fund	49	
					670
\$12549					\$11879

# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS For the Year Ended 31st December, 1970

1969 \$	INCOME WAS EARN	ED F	ROM.			\$	1970 \$
•						1904	Ψ
1872	Subscription				••••	1904	+
151 16	Transfer from Life Me Donations					71	
106	Profit from Christmas	 Carde	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • •		546	
346	Sale of Back Number		• 			420	
19	Surplus Field Study					85	
212	Biology of Birds					101	
50	Tent Sales					_	
2772	TOTAL ORDI	NARY	INC	OME	••••		\$3268
	PLUS INVESTMENT I	NCON	Æ:				
297	Interest					376	
208	Dividends				• • • •	197	
13	Royalties					316	
518	TOTAL INVE	STME	NT IN	COME			889
3290	TOTAL INCO	ME		****			\$415
	LESS EXPENSES:						
2725	"Notornis" Printing &	Dist	ributio	on		3517	
	Less Subsidy D.S.I	I.R.				250	
						3267	
14	Annual General Meet	ing			• • • •	46	
100	Audit Fee	• • • •		• • • •		100	
25	Beach Patrol Scheme					30	
12	Distribution Scheme				••••	25	
75	Donations	• • • •				60	
96	General Expenses		• • • •	• • • •	••••	156	
48		• • • • •				76	
	Nett Cost Kermadec F					212	
76	Library Expenses	• • • •				50	
56	Nest Record	• • • •	****	****		_	
62	Postages	,				60	
153	Printing & Stationery					213	
10				••••	••••	_	
20	Royal Society Affiliat				••••	20	
130	Travelling Expenses	• • • •		••••	****	176	
-	"Notornis" Reprinting	g		• • • • •		287	
3602	TOTAL EXPE	NSES		••••			\$477
<u></u> \$312	NETT DEFICIENCY TI			D TO	מאוד		\$62
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## SHARES IN PUBLIC COMPANIES As at 31st December, 1970

Company	Shares Held	Value	Cost of Purchase	Approximate Market Value at 31/12/70
			\$	\$
Andrews & Beaven Ltd.	578	\$1	914.79	750.60
Farmers Trading	500	\$1	1018.50	485.00
Forest Products Ltd	548	\$1	1227.45	2029.00
General Foods Ltd.				
(Convertible Notes)	168		84.00	122.64
Alex Harvey Ltd	168	\$1	486.41	736.96
Winstone Ltd	500	50c	372.31	580.00
Golden Bay Cement	500	50c	372.31	490.00
J. Wattie Canneries Ltd.	656	50c	697.23	825.31
***	3618		\$5173.00	\$6019.51

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- Note 1: \* Life members transfer 10% of Balance at 31/12/69.
- Note 2: \*\* Cash at Bank of N.Z. Te Aro:—

  This represents Receipts on account of Checklist. As the Profit on this Publication has yet to be determined, the whole amount has been shown as owing to the Publishers.

  The element of profit involved will be credited in next year's Accounts.
- Note 3: \*\*\* Shares in Public Companies cost \$5173 and had an approximate market value of \$6019 at 31st December. 1970.

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS For the Year Ended 31st December, 1970

We report, that in our opinion, the foregoing accounts of **The Ornithological Society of N.Z. (Inc.)** for the year ended 31st December, 1970, are in agreement with the books and reports of the Society and give a true and fair view of the Society's position at that date and the results of its transactions for the year. The Society has kept proper books and supplied all the information required.

We further report that in our opinion and according to the records and information supplied to us, the Fiji Expedition was self sufficient and that there is no liability to be met by the Ornithological Society of N.Z. (Inc.).

THOMPSON & LANG, Chartered Accountants,

Auditors

## INVESTMENTS IN LOCAL BODY STOCKS As at 31st December, 1970

Auckland Electric Power	Board	****	\$600	due	15/2/71
Auckland Electric Power	Board		400	due	15/10/75
Southland Hospital Board			991	due	1/11/74
Southland Harbour Board			953	due	30/6/72
Otago Harbour Board			966	due	1/9/71
Auckland Hospital Board			965	due	17/6/73
		9	34875		

## TREASURER'S REPORT For the Year Ended 31/12/70

PRESENTED AT THE A.G.M. OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF N.Z. (INC.) CHRISTCHURCH — 15th MAY, 1971

During the 1970 financial year inevitable price-rises caught up with the Society and cash transfer for the year resulted in a \$621 loss.

Total income for the year was \$4157, this being very similar to that of 1968 (\$4230). It is pleasing to note the improved profitability of the Christmas Card Scheme after its lull in 1969. Royalties on the 'Field Guide' (which in 1969 had been reversed to cover plate charges) also contributed to the improved total income by \$316. Back numbers continue to find a good market, especially to overseas libraries and their sales made a record \$420 for the year. The profit made on the Field Study Courses was inadvertent, since these are generally budgeted by the organisers to break even. Sale of the Society's book "Biology of Birds" continued at a reduced rate.

Expenses reached an all-time record in 1970 of \$4778. Three

Expenses reached an all-time record in 1970 of \$4778. Three non-recurring expenses were incurred: (1) The Kermadec Film was produced, (2) Vols. 2 and 3 of 'Notornis' were reprinted so that complete sets of back numbers can be offered for sale, (3) 200 reprints of all articles relating to the Kermadecs Expedition were purchased for future binding and sale. These non-recurring expenses totalled \$575, and are a fair charge against the accumulated fund. The remaining expenditure of \$4203 was nearly met by the total income for the year. It is Council's policy to meet the recurring annual expenses by subscription and with regard to this it is pertinent to note that the unit cost of production of 'Notornis' (Vol. 17, 1970) was \$2.99 (3517/1175) or \$2.78 allowing for the subsidy, while other recurring costs amounted to \$0.91 (936/1030) per member. This makes a total cost of \$3.90 per member which closely approximates the new subscription rate of \$4.00 effective as from 1/1/71. A subsidy of \$250 from D.S.I.R. for the publication of Wodzicki and Lairds' paper in Vol. 17, No. 4, is gratefully acknowledged. Actual cost of Notornis for 1970 (Vol. 17) was \$3103 for 1175 copies, plus \$414 associated expenses of freight, offprints, and distribution\*.

<sup>\*</sup> Production costs alone of Vol. 17 averaged \$9.34 per page.

Donations from the Society were to the Royal Society Building Fund (\$50.00) and \$10.00 to the Junior Member Award.

Membership showed a net increase of 26 for the year, bringing total membership to the 1030 mark. 109 new members joined including 14 Junior and 3 Husband/Wife memberships, 40 members resigned, and 46 were written off as being unfinancial.

Investments during the year changed slightly. \$400 in the Auckland Electric Power Board matured on 1/4/70 and was transferred to the B.N.Z. Savings Account. Shares in Public Companies

changed as follows:

500 \$1 shares in Wilsons Portland Cement were replaced by 500 50c each in Golden Bay Cement and Winstone Ltd. A cash settlement of \$300 was retained for the purchase of future cash issues in public companies. This change was brought about by Company take-over. 85 \$1.00 shares in J. Wattie Canneries were taken up in the 1:8 issue of December 1970.

112 Bonus shares from Andrews and Beavin were received in January 1970 and a further 16 shares were taken up in the cash issue of March 1970.

During the year the Minor Expeditions Fund was replaced by a Project Assistance Reserve Fund of \$300, awards from which will be made to defray expenses incurred by members in defined research projects, investigational studies, or expeditions. No applications for award were received during the year.

My thanks again to Dunedin members for their willing help and a special appreciation to Messrs. J. Lang (Auditor) and H. R. Wilson (Broker) for their unfailing goodwill and courtesy in handling the Society's affairs. — JAMES P. C. WATT,

Hon. Treasurer

### CHRISTMAS CARD REPORT

The 1970 Christmas Card depicted the "Laughing Owl" by Joseph Wolf, who was the illustrator for the Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. Erebus and Terror, 1844-75. This card proved popular and sales recovered to previous levels.

14,500 cards were printed but we only had to pay for 9,500. This was because the printer credited us with 5,000 cards which were poorly printed last year. The actual printing costs also went down this year, which is surprising; but was the result of the printer's installing a new machine which reduced the time involved.

1,220 dozen were sold and this included many previous years' cards. Mixed packs proved very popular. 380 dozen mixed packs, 80 dozen White-fronted Terns and 65 dozen Spotted Shags were sold. These sales reduced the stock of previous years' cards considerably. A net profit of \$650 was made compared with \$106 last year.

The illustration for this year has not been selected but it is planned to use either a bush bird or a waterfowl. Mixed packs

will again be available.

On behalf of the Society I would like to thank the Turnbull Library, the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society and especially my wife, who has to bear the burden of packaging and despatch of the cards. — BRIAN D. BELL. Convener

## REPORT OF THE NEST RECORD SCHEME For the Year Ended April 30th, 1971

During the year ending April 30th, 1971, 377 nest record cards have been received from 23 contributors. Observations were made for 54 species. The largest contribution was received from Bob Cowan, with significant contributions also from Junior Members, Hugh Robertson, Stephen Lawrence and Stephen Barr.

Twelve (12) colonial cards covering two species of gulls have been included in this year's report.

The Black-fronted Dotterel is recorded for the first time.

There are now 8292 nest record cards covering 124 species of birds filed in the Nest Record Scheme. Three species, Thrush (1334), Blackbird (1149), and House Sparrow (521) have significant numbers of nests recorded.

Once again several members have made use of the nest record cards for information on breeding behaviour. It would be appreciated if those availing themselves of this service could, where practicable, make available to the Society the results of their analyses, as the information would then be available to others on request. This does not apply, of course, to those whose results are published in "Notornis" or elsewhere.

I would like to take this opportunity to suggest to Regional Representatives that they encourage their local O.S.N.Z. members to observe nests and record details during field trips and holiday excursions.

My sincere thanks to those who have contributed during the year and best wishes to those who are planning to participate in the Nest Record Scheme in the future.

— DAVID E. CROCKETT,

Nest Records Convener.

#### LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

S. Barr (29), Dr. Marie Buchler with Mrs. Marie Darby and Mr. Darby, D. E. Calvert, T. R. Calvert, J. Cook (15), R. S. Cowan (67), also R. S. Cowan with P. Gross and Miss E. Madgwick (16), J. Cowie (15), J. L. Craig, Mrs. Ruth Crockett, A. T. Edgar (15), D. W. Haddon (40), J. R. Jackson (18), E. B. Jones, S. B. Lawrence (37), M. O'Shea, R. Pierce (27), D. Pitcher, H. Robertson (42), J. Taylor (16), O, C. Torr, also O. C. Torr with G. Welsh (11), Gregory Welsh,

### SPECIES LIST OF NEST RECORD CARDS

SPECIES	Previous Total	1970-71	New Total	SPECIES	Previous Total	1970-71	New
lorth Island Kiwi	2	1	3	N.Z. Dotterel	58		
tewart Island Kiwi	3	_	ã	Black-fronted Dotterel	-	i	•
Freat Spotted Kiwi	1	-	1	Wrybill Plover	9	_	
ellow-eyed Penguin ittle Blue Penguin	11	-	11	Pied Stilt	247	20	20
ittle Blue Penguin	58	1	59	Black Stilt	6	1	
vnite-flippered Penguin	12	_	12	Southern Skua	. 2	=	
I.Z. Crested Penguin	2	-	2 2	Black-backed Gull	423	5 3 13	42
outhern Crested Grebe I.Z. Dabchick	1		1	Red-billed Gull	107	.3	1
Vandering Albatross	11	-	11	Black-billed Gull Black-fronted Tern	103	13	2
ight-mantled Sooty Albatross	4	_	4	Caspian Tern	208 40	1	2
airy Prion	16		16	Antarctic Tern	3	2	-
lesh-footed Shearwater	ĭ	_	ï	Fairy Tern	9	-	
ooty Shearwater	4	_		White-fronted Tern	54	_	
luttering Shearwater	7	_	4 7	White Tern	7	_	
Illied Shearwater	3	_	3	Grev Ternlet	5	_	
Illied Shearwater Ilack Petrel	7		ĭ	White Tern Grey Ternlet N.Z. Pigeon	29	- - - - 1	
Frey-faced Petre	1	_	1	Rock Pigeon	64	_	
ermadec Petrel	14	_	14	Kaka	9		
ycroft's Petrel	5	_	5	Ken	54	4	
Vhite-faced Storm Petrel living Petrel	5	-	5	N.Z. Parakeet (Red-crowned)	7	1	
	51	-	51	Yellow-crowned Parakeet	4	_	
annet	.4	-	.4	Shining Cuckoo Morepork	.4	- - 2 4	
lack Shag	64	-	64	Morepork	10	_	
lack Shag ied Shag ittle Black Shag	2]	-	21	Little Owl Kingfisher	14	_	
ittle Black Shag	.1	-	. 1	Kingtisher	65	- 2	
White-throated Shag	14	1	15	South Island Rifleman	111		1
ling Shag	18 5	- 2 1	18	North Island Rifleman Rock Wren	.5	_	
potted Shag lue Heron	31	_	5 <b>33</b>	Skylark	11 101	12	1
/hite-faced Heron	14	1	33 15	Welcome Swallow	176	25	2
ittern	2		2	Cantail	142	23	í
anada Goose	ววั	_	22	N I Fantail	36	3 7	
omestic Goose (presumed escaped)	22 2 9	_	2	til Tomtit	22	í	
Aute Swan	Ģ.	_	9	S.1. Tomtit	23	ź	
lack Swan	49	_	49	N.I. Robin	-8	_	
aradise Duck	7		7	N.I. Fantail N.I. Tomtit S.I. Tomtit N.I. Robin S.I. Robin	15	1	
rey Teal	9	_	9	N.I. Fernbird S.I. Fernbird	11	1	
rown Teal	2	-	2	S.I. Fernbird	9	2	
lue Duck	1	_	1	Brown Creeper	4	_	
rev Duck	86	3	89	Whitehead	6	_	
rey Duck/Mallard Cross	2	]	3	Yellowhead	13		
lallard	67	7	74	Grey Warbier Song Thrush	91	. 8	
hoveller	12	_	12	Song Thrush	1254	80	13
lack Teal	-6	-	_ 5	Blackbird	1098	51	1]
arrier	52	1	53	Hedge Sparrow N.Z. Pipit	147	2	1
I.Z. Falcon	5 18	_ 2	.5	N.Z. Pipit Bellbird	34	1	
heasant	4	2	20	Tui	18 <b>2</b> 8	1	
rown Quail		-	4		144	10	1
alifornian Quail Thukor	18 1		18	White-eye Greenfinch		10 4	1
anded Rail	4	_	4	Goldfinch	90 353	12	3
anded Rail potless Crake	5	-	5	Losser Redpoll	62	12	3
Inth Island Wake	4	_	4	Chaffinch	183	19	2
lorth Island Weka outh Island Weka	8	_	8	Yellowhammer	35	17	4
ukeko	113	12	125	Cirl Bunting	1	3	
sustralian Coot	'n	'n	12	House Sparrow	504	17	5
outh Island Pied Oystercatcher	107	i	108	Starling	221	ίó	ž
Jorth Island Pied Oystercatcher	30	3	33	Мила	22		-
lack Ovstercatcher	38	ĭ	39	White-backed Magpie	26	2	
lack Oystercatcher pur Winged Plover	32	_	32	Magnie (Species not indicated)	-6	î	
		4	172	North Island Saddleback	ž		
landed Dotterel	168						

### **BEACH PATROL SCHEME, 1970**

During 1970 there was a good level of activity by patrollers on most coasts. Cards have been received for all zones except Southland and Fiordland. Zones which were particularly well covered were Auckland West by an Auckland group, Taranaki by a New Plymouth group, Wellington West by a Palmerston North group, and Canterbury North and South and Wellington South by individuals. The increased amount of patrolling on South Island beaches is very pleasing.

The following is a tabulation of mileages travelled and birds found on all coasts during the year:—

Coast	Miles	Birds
Auckland West	845	2284
Taranaki	97	111
Wellington West	263	1030
Westland	16	10
Auckland East Bay of Plenty	37	92 31
East Coast	5	4
Wairarapa	25	12
Canterbury North	27	45
Canterbury South Otago	80 29	66 28
Wellington South	74	123
North Coast South Island	11	38

Thus 1516 miles yielded 3874 dead seabirds: the mean of 2.6 birds per mile travelled is a relatively high one. The most abundant species was Lesser Broad-billed Prion *Pachyptila salvini* with 1086 specimens. Among several rarer specimens there were 12 Silver-grey Petrels *Fulmarus glacialoides*.

I would like to thank all members who have contributed to this scheme in any way during the year.

- M. J. IMBER, Organiser

### **BANDING REPORT**

The banding reports for the years 1964-71 are virtually complete and a summary for these years will soon be ready for publication in "Notornis."

It has been decided, subject to Council approval, that the Banding Officer will supply a three monthly report for "Notornis" of the highlights on banding activities during the previous period, and that in future an annual report on banding activities will be published each year by the Banding Officer.

The conversion of the old type cards to computer type has been completed and 95,000 cards have now been stored on tape.

During the past year a total of 48,299 birds has been banded, an increase of 16,000 over the previous year and approaching the total for the 68-69 period.

Your representatives wish to record their thanks to the Banding Officer and his staff for the great amount of work entailed in bringing these records up to date.

— N. B. MACKENZIE P. WILSON

## RECORDING SCHEME Report for 1970/71

Files or extracts from files for 25 species have been sent out on request during the year. The number of contributors is up on last year, but no records have been received from some regions. The scheme exists to provide a means of collecting and recording unpublished ornithological information not covered by the Beach Patrol, Nest Record and Mapping Schemes. Bird counts from harbours, estuaries and beaches, notes on feeding habits and behaviour, arrivals and departures of migrant birds, occurrence of rare birds and stragglers are all most welcome and when recorded on species files are available for study by members.

The following is a list of contributors:—

Southland — R. R. Sutton.

Otago — J. Aspinall, P. Child, Mrs. Hamel, W. T. Poppelwell, A. Wright.

Canterbury — A. Baker, C. N. Challies, J. R. Jackson, R. J. Pierce.

West Coast - P. Grant.

*Marlborough* — J. A. Cowie. *Nelson* — F. H. Boyce.

Wellington — F. C. Kinsky, D. V. Merton, R. Slack, Wildlife.

Wairarapa —

Manawatu — I. G. Andrew, E. B. Jones, M. G. Macdonald, A. A. Sayell.

Wanganui -

Taranaki — D. Medway.

Hawkes Bay —

Gisborne — A. Blackburn.

Volcanic Plateau — C. D. Blomfield, R. S. Cowan, R. W. Jackson.

Bay of Plenty —

Waikato — D. W. Hadden, J. H. Seddon.

South Auckland — J. F. Bell, E. W. Betts, J. Brown, S. Chambers, M. Daniel, M. Douglas, T. Harty, H. R. McKenzie.

Auckland — G. Adams, T. R. Calvert, S. Chamberlain, J. Jenkins, Mrs. Reed, G. Robinson, E. G. Turbott, C. R. Veitch.

Northland — D. E. Calvert, C. D. Clunie, C. W. Devonshire, Miss E. Madgwick, M. Munroe, Mrs. Reyonlds, Miss D. Whyte.

E. & O. E.

— A. T. EDGAR, Recorder