

(as Dr Ramsay so charmingly puts it!); a representative of the Trust is to take part in all fieldwork; and, the Trust can stop the collecting of any species in any area at any time, can stop all collecting in an area or add species to the "totally protected" list at any time. No breeding or aviary work is contemplated during this project, but information obtained will obviously be borne in mind as the Trust and the Fijian Government consider adding to their existing reserve system and carry out further measures necessary for the conservation and preservation of birds as well as other animals and plants. Biological collections obtained during this project are to be shared equally between the Fiji Museum and the Dominion Museum.

The first field trip under the agreement has recently been completed. Mr F. C. Kinsky and Mr W. Spiekman of the Dominion Museum accompanied by Mr F. Clunie of the Fiji Museum, representing the National Trust of Fiji, Mr A. Blackburn and Mr L. Henderson of New Zealand spent the period from 20 September to 13 October on Taveuni Island of the Fiji group. Most of the different habitats on the island were investigated up to a height of about 2,500 feet.

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The Editor,
Sir,

RECORDINGS OF NEW ZEALAND BIRDS

I enclose a list of bird species that I have recorded or have had recorded on magnetic tape over the last few years. This list is complete and in the order in which the original recordings were made. In some instances more than one recording of a species is available and in every case the time and place are known. As you know, some of these are now available on commercial discs; more will follow.

As I do not have the equipment to analyze the tape recordings made up till now, I have decided to make copies of all my tapes available to any serious student of ornithology currently engaged in research in this field. Those who may be interested can contact me at the address shown below. I should add that this list is being added to as time passes and should reach the 100 mark in a few months time. Any person who would like to contribute recordings to this collection is asked to write to me for further details.

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LIST OF RECORDINGS HELD BY L. B. MCPHERSON
AS AT 12 OCTOBER 1972

House Sparrow; Starling; Song Thrush; Goldfinch; Tui; Red-billed Gull; Shy Mollymawk; Stewart Island Weka; Black Oystercatcher; Sooty Shearwater; South Island Saddleback; Erect Crested Penguin; Peafowl; South Island Pied Oystercatcher; Southern Black-backed Gull; South Island Pied Fantail; Black-billed Gull; Blackbird; Budgerigar; Rock Dove; Rainbow Lorikeet; Indian Ring-necked Parakeet; Baraband Parakeet; White-backed Magpie; Leadbeater's Cockatoo; Crimson Rosella; Little Corella; Spotted Shag; White-flippered Penguin; Canada Goose; Barbary Dove; Paradise Duck; Californian Quail; melanistic mutant Pheasant; Silver Pheasant; Cockatiel; Peach-faced Lovebirds; Bourkes Parakeet; Reeves Pheasant; Western Weka; Black Swan; Common Fowl; Helmeted Guinea Fowl; Grey Partridge; Chuckor; Brown Quail; Red-crowned Parakeet; Yellow-crowned Parakeet; Pied Stilt; Yellowhammer; Mallard; Cherry Finch; Java Sparrow; Grey Warbler; Rook; Skylark; Cape Barren Goose; Kea; Northern Variable Oystercatcher; South I. Fernbird; Bellbird; Pukeko; Turkey; Mute Swan; Shore Plover; Chatham I. Oystercatcher; Southern Skua; White-fronted Tern; Chatham I. Snipe; Gannet; Indian Myna; Chinese Ring-necked Pheasant; Yellowhead; Brown Creeper; Westland Black Petrel; Morepork; Mottled Petrel; Fairy Prion; Snares Crested Penguin; Snares I. Snipe; Southern Diving Petrel; Buller's Mollymawk; Snares I. Cape Pigeon; Grey Duck; Redpoll, Little Owl; Kingfisher; Antarctic Tern.