

science and administration, and a friend and adviser to his many colleagues and fellow members of the innumerable committees on which he worked. Dr Willett was deeply concerned with the relationship of the Member Bodies of the Royal Society of N.Z. to the Society itself and its function as a unique amalgam of scientific endeavour and reasoned opinion. Although he was no ornithologist, he was genuinely appreciative of the role of the Ornithological Society of N.Z. as a Member Body of the Royal Society of N.Z. and of the contribution that ornithology as such makes to science. With his passing we have lost a friend and an advocate.

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BAKER, A. J. 1974. Criteria for aging and sexing oystercatchers, N.Z. Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research 8 (1): 211-221, fig. 1, tables 1-4.

ABSTRACT: "Criteria based on external characters are presented for aging and sexing the three New Zealand species of oystercatcher, *Haematopus ostralegus finschi* Martens, 1897, *H. unicolor* Forster, 1844, and *H. chathamensis* Hartert, 1927. Four classes are discerned: juveniles have brown dorsal plumage, a brown iris and grey legs; second-year birds have an orange-red iris and pale pink legs; sub-adults have a dull red iris and pink legs; adults have a scarlet iris and bright coral pink legs. The three species can be sexed by discriminant analysis of the sexually dimorphic characters bill length (\bar{x}^3), bill length: bill depth (\bar{x}^2) and bill length: bill width (\bar{x}^3) . . ."

SERVENTY, D. L. 1974. The biology behind the Mutton Bird industry.

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The January 1974 issue of *The Auk* (91 (1): 241) announces an award from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund of the American Museum of Natural History to Dr John Warham for "biometric studies of the Procellariiformes" and also to Dr Joel Cracraft for a study of "evolution of the moas," the results of which will interest many of us. Dr Warham has recently published an important study entitled: "The breeding biology and behaviour of the Snares Crested Penguin. *Journal of the Royal Society of N.Z.*, 4 (1): 63-108, 17 figs, March 1974.