

FORTHCOMING

The December issue of *Notornis* will contain Part D of Mr St. Paul's "Bushman's Notes" — Shining Cuckoo and Long-tailed Cuckoo. Part E, scheduled for the March 1977 issue, will deal with the Pigeon, Kaka, Yellow-crowned Parakeet and Kingfisher. A series of shorter accounts will conclude the series as Part F.



BIRD SONG RECORDS

Two further records have appeared in the series "Sounds of New Zealand Birds" produced by Mr Les McPherson of Christchurch. These are: *Vol. 6* (PR 767), 1975- side one: Adelie Penguin, Snares Crested Penguin, Yellow-nosed Mollymawk, Buller's Mollymawk, Snares Cape Pigeon; side two: Mottled Petrel, Southern Diving Petrel, Southern Skua, Southern Black-backed Gull, Antarctic Tern. *Vol. 7* (PR 808), 1976- side one: Rook, Skylark, Redpoll, Welcome Swallow, White-winged Triller; side two: Yellowhead, North Island Saddleback, South Island Fernbird, Yellow-breasted Tit, South Island Robin.

Several of these species were recorded by Mr Hugh Best, now of the Wildlife Service, on the Snares and, accordingly, are of special interest. Mr McPherson continues to do a good service to ornithologists by making a diversity of recordings readily available. The records may be purchased from him at P.O. Box 21-083, Edgeware, Christchurch, for \$1.80 each plus postage.



RECENTLY PUBLISHED

KINSKY, F. C. & FALLA, R. A. 1976. A subspecific revision of the Australasian Blue Penguin (*Eudyptula minor*) in the New Zealand area. *National Museum of New Zealand Records* 1 (7): 105-126; 19 May 1976.

Abstract:

Five subspecies are recognized in New Zealand and one in Australia. *E. minor minor* breeds in the southern and western South Island, *E. m. chathamensis* subsp.n. is restricted to the Chatham Islands, *E. m. albosignata* breeds on Banks Peninsula and Motunau Island, *E. m. variabilis* subsp.n. breeds in the southern North Island and northern South Island including Motunau Island, *E. m. iredalei* is restricted to the northern North Island, while Australian birds are all regarded as *E. m. novaehollandiae*. Arcas of overlap between the known breeding ranges of subspecies are shown to occur and long distance straggling (up to 750 km) of banded immatures is recorded.