

CORRECTION TO SHORT NOTE ON
BLACK-CAPPED PETREL IN THE WAIKATO

On 15 March 1973, the skin referred to in my earlier note (Reed 1972, *Notornis* 19 (1): 91) was examined by Sir Robert Falla who drew attention to the fact that it is not *Pterodroma externa cervicalis*, but *P. e. externa*. In the latter, the dark underwing border on the leading edge is much narrower, and while the inner webs of the primaries have large white wedges, those of *P. e. cervicalis* are dusky throughout, at least in most of the distal surface exposed beyond the coverts. The outer tail feathers are more heavily pigmented in *externa* with variable but solid dark patches on the outer webs, which in *cervicalis* are faintly "peppered." Both forms have occasional dark terminal patches on the inner webs, but more extensively so in *externa externa*.

P. e. externa breeds on the Juan Fernandez Islands. This is the first record of *P. e. externa* for New Zealand.

The skin has now been re-numbered AV. 1072.1.

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KING PENGUINS AT CHATHAM ISLANDS

On 19 February 1952, Mr J. R. Eyles collected the proximal of a left tibio-tarsus of a King Penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonica*) at Owenga, Chatham Island. It is probably derived from a midden.

Among bones submitted to me for identification by Mr Ian Smith, collected from a Moriori midden on Chatham Island, during last summer's excavations by the Otago University's Archaeological party, were more bones of King Penguin. One square produced the proximal ends of a left humerus and left ulna, and another square the imperfect first phalanx of the outer toe on the right foot, of a penguin which is almost certainly also a King Penguin.

Mr Smith states that the seal bones present at the site are largely Fur Seal, but contain some of Leopard and Elephant Seals, and he thinks it possible that the King Penguin may have arrived as the remains of a meal of one of these.

However, the bones look like typical midden bones. King Penguins occasionally reach the South Island of New Zealand and one was recorded from the Auckland Harbour. An Emperor Penguin also reached Oreti Beach, Southland. Therefore, with the proviso that Mr Smith's suggestion that the King Penguins at Chatham Island *may* have arrived in a seal's gut, I am publishing the records, as there is no reason why the birds could not have reached the Chathams by power of their own flippers.

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