

just having a bad period at the time, or whether it did not ever have better seasons. Minginui had a low count for 1946-47, but consistently higher ones regularly from then on to 1960-61, the end of the counting period, so it could have been lower before 1946-47. It is to be noted that the Kingfisher at Minginui did not have the drop suffered by some of the more insectivorous birds in 1952-53 and 1953-54.

#### WAIAU

The total of birds seen for the 15 seasons, i.e., 1946-47 to 1960-61 was 136 (204).

Count days per month for parts of 16 months of the 15 seasons averaged 4.44; days seen 1.56; days not seen 2.88.

Daily counts of birds ranged from 0 to 10.

Count days totalled 71 and the total birds seen 136, giving an average of 1.9 (2.85) per count day.

#### Notes on Analysis

The low rate of 1.9 seen per count day I consider was due to the beech at Waiau being less suitable for nesting than the trees of the podocarp forest.

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