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### A G M 1977: A LATER REPORT RARE BIRDS COMMITTEE

The Rare Birds Committee has given further consideration to the reported breeding of the White-winged Black Tern in New Zealand by R. J. Pierce (*Notornis* 21 (2): 129-134; 1974). This report was originally considered while the Convener of the Committee was overseas. On his return, and after studying the photograph of the chick (not originally available to the Committee), he expressed the opinion that it was not the chick of any tern known to breed in New Zealand.

More recently the photograph was submitted to the British Museum (Natural History). Authorities there considered that the chick appeared to be that of a White-winged Black Tern.

Because of this the Committee considers that the record can be accepted as a positive breeding attempt producing a chick, although it appears that this did not survive to the flying stage.

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