

brown trout (*Salmo trutta*). Also present were 28 fresh water snails (*Potamopyrgus*) and 7 cases of the small caddis *Oxythira albiceps*. These could well have come from the stomach of the trout, since it seems unlikely that a shag would utilise such small food. A notable feature was the presence of three proboscis worms (probably *Corynosoma*). These probably originated from a zone of heavy infestation at the beginning of the intestine, by anti-peristaltic movements of the gut. There were also 58 nematodes living free, parasitically, in the lumen of the stomach.

I would be grateful if any of your readers who have noted the Spotted Shag inland, would inform me. I wish to find out whether the habit of feeding inland is peculiar to the young (all the cases I have seen so far have been immature birds) or whether it is merely aberrant behaviour concerning all ages.

— K. W. DUNCAN

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REVIEW

The Mallee-Fowl (the Bird that Builds an Incubator), by H. J. Frith. Published June, 1962, by Angus & Robertson Ltd., Sydney. Price 35s. Australian.

This is a simply-written, absorbing and authoritative life-history of a bird that is "unique to Australia, and is one of the continent's wonders." The book will have a wide appeal to all naturalists in Australia, New Zealand and overseas. Mr. Frith, who is Chief of the Division of Wildlife Research, C.S.I.R.O., extended his studies of the Mallee-Fowl over eight years, first as a private week-end activity, and later as a Departmental project, and has traced in complete detail, with excellent photographs, the bird's amazing nesting habits, up to the stage when the newly-hatched chick fights its way through several feet of sand to the surface of the nesting mound. It is sincerely to be hoped that the book will go a long way towards achieving the main object of its publication, viz. the provision of adequate refuges to forestall ultimate extinction, which is surely otherwise this remarkable bird's fate, at least in N.S.W. and Victoria.

— A.B.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Auckland, 24th May, 1963

64 members and friends attended, many having travelled long distances. No less than 12 Regions were represented.

In order to shorten the time spent on formal business, copies of the Society's and Card Committee's accounts were provided for the information of members and Annual Reports were not read in full, but briefly summarised in the President's Address. Full reports will appear in *Notornis* as they are ready for publication.

The President announced that membership had passed the 800 mark for the first time in the history of the Society. Mr. Blackburn outlined the satisfactory financial position and paid a tribute to the work of the Hon. Treasurer and the Card Committee, whose efforts have made a considerable contribution to the Society's assets. He announced that the Library Committee had been strengthened, and on behalf of the Society thanked the Librarian, Miss Evans, and also Misses McIntyre and Bernrieder for their work on behalf of the Society. Miss McIntyre not only worked in the Library but packed thousands of Christmas cards.

Turning to the Nest Record Scheme, Mr. Blackburn commented on the slight improvement in number of contributions and cards received in 1962 but urged members to read carefully the Organiser's report and to support the scheme to the fullest extent in 1963, when colonial nesting cards will for the first time be available.

An interim report of the Beach Patrol Scheme showed that in 1962 weather was favourable to the birds. 39 members patrolled 738 miles of beach and recorded 1425 specimens (1961 figures: 40, 770, 3229). It was stated that under new arrangements Specimen Record cards need only be filled in for specimens which have been measured or retained, but all specimens will appear on Beach Patrol cards: Cards and instructions are available from Mr. B. W. Boeson, P.O. Box 30, Carterton.

Mr. Blackburn announced that Dominion Museum is carrying on the Banding Scheme; a new Advisory Council is being constituted and will include two O.S.N.Z. representatives. Later in the meeting Mr. F. C. Kinsky summarised important results during 1962.

The president briefly discussed progress of the Recording Scheme and preparation of Ornithological Abstracts, and explained that the Checklist Committee had agreed on format, etc., had arranged a plan to collect information on sea birds and rare waders from individuals with specialist knowledge, and had prepared a list of species on which distributional data are required; this list will be widely circulated and information received will be channelled through the Recording Scheme for use by the Checklist Committee. He also announced that preparation of the Field Guide had reached an advanced stage and that it is hoped to publish the book by the end of 1963.

Mr. Blackburn referred to Study Courses held in Hawke's Bay and Southland and mentioned that a number of O.S.N.Z. members had assisted Wildlife Branch in carrying out a recent Brown Duck census at Waipu. He thanked those R.Os. whose work during past year has resulted in a general increase in ornithological activity and the flow of information.

Turning to the future, the President mentioned plans for Labour Day Week-ends at Rotorua and Canterbury and announced Council's decisions to call for applications to join the Society's 25th Anniversary expedition to the Kermadec Group; to create a fund to assist approved minor ornithological expeditions; to take steps to amend the Constitution so that Council may be increased in size and made more representative, and to arrange for a meeting of R.Os. so that their views and ideas can be put forward to Council for consideration. He also announced as a long-term project the preparation of a book on petrels, this to be so planned that it will be useful both to the field observer and the beach patroller.

No other nominations having been received, Messrs. A. Blackburn, H. R. McKenzie and A. T. Edgar were re-elected President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Messrs. Chambers, Worth and Chambers were re-elected Hon. Auditors and thanked on behalf of the Society for their continued and valuable assistance. Dr. H. G. Deignan was elected Honorary Life Member in recognition of his donation to the Society of a magnificent collection of separates. The meeting unanimously approved a resolution to send to Dr. C. A. Fleming the congratulations of the Society on his award of the Hector Medal.

After the meeting Mr. G. J. H. Moon showed a series of bird films. In thanking Mr. Moon, Dr. R. A. Falla spoke of the skill and patience which had produced these unique and fascinating studies.



TREASURER'S REPORT, 1962 - 63

The membership of the Society has reached a figure of 800. Endowment members have increased from 3 to 12 and Juniors from 43 to 64.

With the approval of Council, some changes in accounting have been made, so that we now follow more closely the methods of kindred societies.

Back Numbers of "Notornis," etc.

The different sizes, numbers and production costs have made detailed accounting practically impossible, so a nominal figure of £300 has been fixed for stocks of all such publications and adjustments have been made accordingly. Sales will in future be treated as profits. The offer of £200 made by Mrs. M. McGrath to underwrite a large part of the cost of reproduction of out-of-print and rare numbers and Mr. D. McGrath's offer to see the matter through were gratefully accepted. Sales of Back Numbers had fallen to about £50 per annum, but this year they were £157, thanks to our now being in the satisfactory position of having all back numbers available.

Banding Scheme

The Banding Scheme has been handed over to the Dominion Museum as at 1/4/62. The O.S.N.Z. will make contributions of £78/18/2 to the Scheme for this and the next two years, this being the total of banding stocks at cost price at above date.

Library

The valuation of the Library having become an accounting problem, a fixed figure of £500 has been decided upon for the time being.

Printing and Distributing "Notornis"

Surplus copies of each issue are no longer to be charged to Back Numbers Account. Postage of journal and envelopes used are being charged so that the true cost in this respect is shown.

Mr. B. S. Chambers and his helpers have again had a successful year with the Christmas Card Scheme. Miss M. C. R. McIntyre once more has borne the brunt of the heavy task of making up and despatching the parcels of cards.

In the Income and Expenditure Account for the next two years, expenditure may be expected to be about the same as for this year. After two years any subsidy to the Banding Scheme will have to be made by cash.

We again thank Messrs. Chambers, Worth and Chambers for the voluntary work of auditing the books.

On behalf of the Society and also personally I thank Mr. D. F. Booth for coming forward and taking the new position of Assistant Honorary Treasurer. He is taking a large share in this task.

H. R. McKENZIE, Hon. Treasurer



REPORT BY CONVENER OF CARD COMMITTEE

It is very pleasing to show that surplus in last year's operations was an improvement on the previous year. We did not produce new designs but instead sold cards used in previous years which had proved popular. As a result of the saving in our blocks for printing, we were able to reduce our price to 5/- per dozen: a move that was well received because we sold more cards than in any other year previously.

Already some surplus funds have been invested in securities and it is our intention to undertake similar investment in the near future. However, it is necessary to keep sufficient cash in hand to finance the coming season's cards. It is hoped that the reduction in overheads can be maintained so that the profits remain at a satisfactory level.

As in past years, Miss M. C. R. McIntyre rendered valuable assistance to the scheme. The task of packing such a vast number of orders is immense and we record our appreciation for her valuable assistance. The support received from the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society and its members is appreciated, and as usual a donation was made to that Society in recognition of their help.

B. S. CHAMBERS, Convener



LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT, 1962 - 63

During the past year, 41 items have been borrowed by members, and 3 by other libraries on interloan. Circulation of journals has continued, and 3 circuits are in operation.

Work is well under way on the collection of separates, etc., donated by Dr. H. G. Deignan, of the U.S. National Museum. 700 have now been catalogued.

I would like to express my very great appreciation of the work of Miss C. Bernrieder, without whom it would not have been possible to get so many of these items catalogued. She has done the typing of all the cards for these, and is continuing with the work.

I wish also to thank Miss M. McIntyre for the assistance she has given. She also has given much of her time to helping with the work of the library.

ENID A. EVANS, Hon. Librarian

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1963

Current Liabilities				Current Assets			
Last Year				Last Year			
85	Sundry Creditors	158	15 8	132	Bank of New Zealand	612	15 3
67	Subscriptions in Advance	90	11 3	444	Post Office Savings Bank	-	- -
40	"Notornis" Index Provision	15	0 0	20	Sundry Debtors	56	9 0
192			264 6 11	596			669 4 3
	Loan Mrs. M. McGrath		100 0 0		Stocks on Hand —		
	Reserve Account (invested) —			25	Printing & Stationery	-	- -
469	Life Subscriptions	539	2 6	138	Banding Scheme	157	16 5
300	Special Reserve	300	0 0	357	Booklets & Sundry Publications	300	0 0
				14	Nest & Beach Patrol Scheme	-	- -
769			839 2 6				
	Accumulated Funds:			534			457 16 5
	Balance 1/4/62	1249	18 3	6	Addressograph	-	- -
	Add revaluations —				Library —		
	Banding Scheme	69	2 4	374	Current Valuation		500 0 0
	Library	125	13 2		Reserve Investment Fund —		
				700	Auck. Electric Power Board		700 0 0
		1444	13 9				
	Less Devaluations —						
	Notornis & Reprints	355	19 0				
		1088	14 9				
	Add Excess of Income						
	over Expenditure	34	16 6				
1249			1123 11 3				
2210			£2327 0 8	2210			£2327 0 8

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1963

Expenditure				Income			
Last Year				Last Year			
397	Cost of Printing & Distributing Magazine	....	563 1 0	685	Subscriptions	....	715 1 5
59	Postages	....	32 6 5	40	Donations	....	17 4 9
64	Printing & Stationery	....	68 15 4	57	Interest Received	....	55 12 6
27	General Expenses	....	58 9 1	5	Net Surplus on Field Week-ends	....	24 10 11
-	Income Tax	....	12 1 6	36	Profits on Miscellaneous Sales	....	71 19 6
182	Contribution to Dominion Museum						
	Banding Scheme		78 18 2				
9	Beach Patrol Scheme	....	16 17 6				
7	Nest Record Scheme	....	12 15 11				
1	Depreciation	....	6 7 8				
77	Excess of Income over Expenditure	....	34 16 6				
£823			£884 9 1	£823			£884 9 1

Auditors' Report to Members of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand (Incorporated):

We report to the members of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand (Incorporated) that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers for the Society and also those relating to the Card Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1963. We certify that the balance sheets for the Society and the Card Committee are properly drawn up to show the true financial position of the Society at that date. We have accepted the values placed before the Treasurer of stocks on hand.

23rd May, 1963

CHAMBERS, WORTH & CHAMBERS, Auditors

CARD COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF EARNED SURPLUS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1963

	This Year	Last Year
From the cash received from the sale of the cards, we deduct the cost of printing them, leaving a Gross Profit	345	360
Less the following Expenses —		
Advertising	80	227
General Expenses	12	3
Exchange	3	—
Donation	20	20
Postages	23	13
Sundry Services	35	13
Packing Expenses	10	23
which total	183	299
Leaving a Profit of	162	61
To this we add: Interest Received	22	16
Donations	—	1
So that the Surplus for the year is	£184	£78

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1963

We own:		
Cash at Bank	833	660
Printing Blocks	40	40
	873	700
Less what we owe to others:—		
Sundry Creditors	25	36
Leaving us with	£848	£664
This comprises of Accumulated Profits	664	586
Plus Current Surplus	184	78
Giving Accumulated Surpluses of	£848	£664

THE EXCURSIONS

The Auckland isthmus is so wickedly short of native forest-birds that ornithological visitors almost inevitably are taken to the coast, even in winter. This year, after the Annual General Meeting, very high mid-day tides and mild weather, mostly sunny, contributed to the success of the two excursions and enabled the harbours of Manukau and Kaipara to justify the reputation they have earned as haunts of great flocks of the commoner waders, with a fair sprinkling of rarities to add the spice of eager expectation to the chase.

On the morning of Saturday, May 25th, the rendezvous was Kidd's Bay, Karaka, on the south shore of Manukau. Mrs. Ian Urquhart and Ross McKenzie directed such operations as there were, but it was not strenuous birding; for as we sat comfortably on a bank between the brimming tide and the saltmarsh scrub where Fernbirds called, flocks of Oystercatchers, Godwits, Knots, Wrybills, Stilts and Dotterels flew past or overhead to gather on the narrowing tops of the shellbanks or to settle in the close-grazed paddocks behind us. As the tide fell, those visitors who were prepared to get wet and muddy — among them we welcomed Lt.-Commander R. Morris from H.M.S. Cook — set off for Higham's paddock or the still crowded shellbanks. Flocklets of Wrybills were spreading out to feed. Suddenly there rang out, loud and clear, the triple 'tchew' of a Greenshank. Its flight was carefully followed till it settled near some feeding Stilts. When it was slowly walked up, it rose calling and showed the inverted 'V' of white up the back. It was a very correct Greenshank and its behaviour was exactly according to the book. Another very gratifying surprise was the discovery of a Large Sand Dotterel, feeding quietly on a slope of the big shellbank near Turnstones and Red-breasted Dotterels. One had been present over much of the summer but it had not been expected to stay for the winter. Meanwhile those who had been watching the hundreds of South Island Oystercatchers had found a partial albino among them.

For the next day it had been suggested that visitors from more southerly districts might like to see Kaipara Harbour. The suggestion was so warmly received that on Sunday morning a cavalcade of more than a dozen cars wound down the narrow lane that leads to the farm of Mr. Graham Jordan and a promontory once — so local legend has it — very popular with godwit-shooters. A rising tide had already brought many waders into the paddocks and other flocks could be seen in the air. Ross McKenzie, strategically posted near a shallow creek and some sandbanks, which were judged to be the main roost, saw a small tern, which he thought was *nereis* starting to assume breeding dress. Meanwhile the keen eye of Donald Urquhart had detected among the Banded Dotterels, many of which were already well-coloured, a stranger which on closer examination proved to be another Large Sand Dotterel. All the paddocks near the sea were alive with birds. Even Red-breasted Dotterels — only odd ones reddening — were in little flocks. Among the thousands of Oystercatchers and the hundreds of Godwits and Stilts, a Red-necked Stint, four Knots, three Black Oystercatchers and a near-black stilt were picked out. It would be interesting to know just what was missed.

One rare wader still awaited discovery. When most of the party met on the sea-wall overlooking the main roost, there in front of them among a concentration of Pied Stilts stood an Asiatic Whimbrel, thigh-deep in salicornia. A little later it was well seen in flight with four Godwits. The ebb had set in; but we lingered over lunch and departure from this delectable spot was delayed by the need for further observations on *leschenaulti*. On the two excursions, thirteen species of waders had been found and most of them studied at close quarters.

On the way home, one party decided to drop in at Muriwai and to walk as far as the stream. The only corpse to reward the beach-combers was quite a notable one — that of a Light-mantled Sooty Albatross.

— R.B.S.



NEST RECORDS SCHEME

Annual Report for Year Ended 31st March, 1963

Owing to the receipt of a considerable number of cards late in the season, this year's intake showed a slight improvement over last year, as did the number of contributors. A total of 230 cards was received from 18 contributors, some of whom sent in cards for the first time. The collection now stands at 2938 records, and the North Island Kiwi and South Island Fernbird were added to the list for the first time.

The following contributed cards during the year:

Over 50 — J. R. Jackson. Over 25 — D. G. Dawson, Dr. M. F. Soper. Under 25 — Robert Bateman, Dale E. Calvert, C. N. Challis, J. C. R. Claridge, H. W. Crozier, Miss M. M. Davis, E. Dear, Ian James, B. M. Fitzgerald, B. R. Keeley, S. R. Kennington, H. R. McKenzie, Mrs. R. V. McLintock, H. R. Secker, Juliette Urquhart.

Species List of Nest Record Cards:

North Island Kiwi 1 Stewart Island Kiwi 1 Great Spotted Kiwi 1 Yellow-eyed Penguin 6 Little Blue Penguin 27 White-flipped Penguin 7 New Zealand Crested Penguin 2 Southern Crested Grebe 2 New Zealand Dabchick 1 Fairy Prion 16 Flesh-footed Shearwater 1 Sooty Shearwater 1 Fluttering Shearwater 7 Allied Shearwater 3 Black Petrel 1 Grey-faced Petrel 13 White-faced Storm Petrel 2 Diving Petrel 49 Gannet 4 Black Shag 14 Pied Shag 11 Little Black Shag 1 White-throated Shag 8 King Shag 6 Spotted Shag 3 Blue Heron 16 White-faced Heron 5 Bittern 2 Canada Goose 14 Mute Swan 3 Black Swan 15 Paradise Duck 4 Grey Teal 9 Brown Teal 2 Grey Duck 20 Mallard 30 Shoveler 10 Black Teal 6 Harrier 44 New Zealand Falcon 4 Pheasant 6 California Quail 6 North Island Weka 3 Pukeko 54 Australian Coot 2 South Island Pied Oystercatcher 60 Northern Oystercatcher 5 Black Oystercatcher 19 Spur-winged Plover 14 Banded Dotterel 106 New Zealand Dotterel 22 Wrybill 4 Pied Stilt 87 Black Stilt 1 Black-backed Gull 108 Red-billed Gull 26 Black-billed Gull 44 Black-fronted Tern 33 Caspian

Tern 12 Fairy Tern 2 White-fronted Tern 44 New Zealand Pigeon 5
 Rock Pigeon 49 Kaka 3 Kea 41 New Zealand Parakeet 2 Yellow-
 crowned Parakeet 1 Shining Cuckoo 2 Morepork 2 Little Owl 13
 Kingfisher 18 South Island Rifleman 29 Rock Wren 5 Skylark 69
 Fantail 49 Pied Tit 10 Yellow-breasted Tit 9 North Island Robin 7
 South Island Robin 12 South Island Fernbird 3 Brown Creeper 1
 Whitehead 4 Yellowhead 11 Grey Warbler 40 Song Thrush 438
 Blackbird 366 Hedge Sparrow 66 New Zealand Pipit 17 Bellbird 9
 Tui 5 White-eye 51 Greenfinch 48 Goldfinch 165 Lesser Redpoll 34
 Chaffinch 58 Yellow Hammer 20 House Sparrow 142 Starling 86
 Myna 9 White-backed Magpie 9. TOTAL 2938.

The scientific importance of Nest Record Schemes is perhaps more widely appreciated overseas than is as yet the case in New Zealand. The main object of such schemes is to provide abundant and comprehensive statistical data on breeding seasons, clutch size, hatching and fledging success. A number of analyses of records have already been published in overseas journals. No analytical work has yet been possible in New Zealand because of paucity of records. Although Song Thrush and Blackbird head our list of cards received at 438 and 366 respectively, more records are needed even of these common birds before accurate analytical work can be undertaken.

All O.S.N.Z. members are entitled to participate in the scheme, and may also submit cards completed by non-members provided that the member accepts responsibility for their accuracy and that his name, as well as that of the non-member observer, appears on each card.

The cards are easy to fill in if the instructions on the back of the card are carefully studied. The cards provide space for recording a series of observations made over the whole period of nest building, laying, incubation and fledging; it may be that some members have refrained from filling in cards because they felt that their observations of individual nests seen perhaps once or twice only were so incomplete as to be of no value to the scheme. This is not necessarily so. Cards are not required for nests which have not been laid in or which appear already to have been deserted on the only occasion on which they have been seen, but partial records are useful provided that the observer has been able to count the nest contents accurately at least once, or if this is impossible (as in the case of hole-nesting species) that the date of laying, or hatching, or of the young leaving the nest have been observed. As the object of the scheme is to collect data for statistical analysis it is extremely important that observers should not select only those nests which seem most interesting; every nest with eggs or young should be recorded even if it is visited only once and totally destroyed the very next day. It will also help if nest searching is maintained throughout the season and not concentrated at the beginning when nest-finding is easiest. All reliable records are of value, whether they are those of closely watched nests in the observer's garden, nests found during searches further afield, or those found casually in the course of ornithological or other outdoor expeditions. Even if a nest record is written up for publication in *Notornis*, please fill in a record card for the collection.

The value of the record is of course increased if a series of visits can be made to the nest. Much information can be obtained from even a few visits if they are planned as follows (for passerine

species which lay one egg daily): two afternoon visits during egg-laying period (to get date of first egg and egg-laying sequence); two during incubation (to determine clutch size); two at hatching time, one when the young are 7-8 days old, one just before fledging and thereafter occasional visits to see if the young are still there. If so many visits are not possible, try to pay at least one visit before the clutch is complete, one after completion of the clutch and another when the young have hatched.

Space is provided on the record card for noting whether the bird (male or female) was sitting on or flushed from the nest at each visit; if the bird is not on the nest the eggs can be felt with the skin at the base of the finger nail to see if they are warm, and the result entered on the card as evidence of incubation. If eggs and young are found together in the nest, state whether the young are hatching, or the eggs obviously addled. An estimate of the age of nestlings or a description of their plumage development is well worth noting. There is a space on the card for recording time of day of each visit, and this should be filled in.

Correct identification is of course of primary importance. It should be remembered that the nests and eggs of some species are hard to differentiate unless the bird is seen. Do not write "first brood" unless this is certain. As hatching and fledging success is one of the main subjects for enquiry, do not write "Deserted," "Robbed" or "Flown" on the card without sound evidence, which should be briefly stated.

If you find a nest containing a cuckoo's egg or nestling, fill in the "species" space with the name of the cuckoo, followed by the name of the host in brackets, e.g., Shining Cuckoo (Grey Warbler); enter the number of eggs or young of the host plus the cuckoo's egg or nestling, putting the host first, e.g., $4 + 1 =$ four eggs of the host and one of the cuckoo; do not complete a separate card for the host.

Please see that nesting birds are disturbed as little as possible. The use of a mirror fixed to the end of a stick saves climbing, avoids disturbance, and is the recommended method for observing the contents of high nests.

Please do not use a pencil or ball point pen when filling in cards, as both fade or smudge. Before sending in cards please check carefully for errors and omissions of available information. Completed cards should be returned to me as soon as possible after the end of the nesting season and not later than 28th February in each year.

The success of the Nest Record Scheme depends upon the co-operation of members. It is hoped that the above explanation of the objects and working of the scheme will encourage many members to contribute during the coming year. Please obtains cards from your R.O., or write to me direct, in good time before the start of 1963/64 nesting season. Besides the individual record cards to which interested members are accustomed, colonial nesting cards are being prepared for use in recording nesting colonies of gulls, terns, etc., and will be supplied on request.

My address is 82 Mungavin Avenue, Porirua.

J. C. R. CLARIDGE, Hon. Organiser

RECORDING SCHEME

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1962-63

During 1962-63 102 members supplied information on 159 species or sub-species. Much of this information was collected by R.O's. and forwarded to the Editor as Classified Summarised Notes, or direct to me in response to requests contained in R.O. Newsletters. In addition many items were given verbally, or extracted from letters addressed to me, or to other members who kindly sent them on after perusal.

All notes received on winter dispersal of White Heron, Little Egret and Royal Spoonbill were sent to Mr. I. G. Andrew for collation. Information on these species is still wanted in 1963-64 season.

The following is a list of contributors:—

Northland — D. E. Calvert, G. W. Devonshire, A. T. Edgar, P. Gross, R. H. Michie, M. Ross.

Auckland — D. F. Booth, Miss J. Coles, Mrs. P. Fooks, M. J. Hogg, Kings College Bird Club, Miss M. C. R. McIntyre, D. V. Merton, Mrs. A. Prickett, Mrs. S. M. Reed, R. B. Sibson, P. D. G. Skegg.

South Auckland — Mrs. A. E. Blundell, H. S. Cameron, E. Coulthard, Misses A. E. and A. J. Goodwin, I. James, C. A. McCall, A. McDonald, H. R. and Mrs. H. M. McKenzie, Mrs. M. L. Orum, J. W. St. Paul, Miss M. R. Trower, Mrs. J. Urquhart.

Waikato — D. Bettsworth, T. A. Brown, M. P. Daniel, Mrs. M. L. Templer.

Volcanic Plateau — Mr. and Mrs. M. J. S. Black, C. D. Blomfield, W. J. Brown, R. Swift, J. F. Thomas, G. F. Yerex.

Bay of Plenty — V. T. Davis, Mrs. D. Dawson, M. E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, M. Hodgkins, H. D. London, Mrs. R. V. McLintock, Mrs. P. M. Roberts, R. St. Paul, R. Weston.

Gisborne/Wairoa — A. Blackburn, W. H. Way.

Hawke's Bay — J. S. Heighway, N. B. Mackenzie.

Taranaki — M. G. Macdonald, M. J. Williams.

Wanganui — D. E. Crockett, R. W. Macdonald, J. Martin.

Manawatu — I. G. Andrew, R. R. Baker, E. Dear.

Wellington — B. D. Bell, R. R. Cavanagh, C. N. Challies, E. W. Dawson, C. A. Fleming, Miss A. Hutson, F. C. Kinsky, Mrs. R. Mander, P. Rider, R. R. Wiblin.

Marlborough — J. A. Cowie, J. R. Eyles, S. R. Kennington.

West Coast — E. W. Crack, P. Grant, T. Hartley-Smith, A. B. Munden, D. J. Panckhurst.

Canterbury — D. H. Brathwaite, D. Graham, J. R. Jackson, B. R. Keeley, G. A. Tunnicliffe, E. G. Turbott.

Otago — J. H. Allan, Dunedin Naturalists Field Club, M. Keillor, I. G. McLaren, R. J. Nilsson, W. T. Poppelwell, Mrs. A. C. Prnetice, Mrs. L. E. Walker.

Southland — B. D. Heather, E. Le Huquet, S. L. Lobb, R. M. Royds, Mrs. O. A. B. Simth, T. M. Smith.

Stewart Island — R. H. Traill.

(E. & O. E.)

A. T. EDGAR, Recorder

NOTICES

25th ANNIVERSARY EXPEDITION

To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, it has been proposed that the Ornithological Society should foster and organise an expedition to study the birds of the Kermadec Islands. Preliminary discussions have already been held. Tentative dates are November, 1964 - January, 1965.

Applications are invited from members of the O.S.N.Z. who wish to be considered as participants in the expedition. The number of participants will be limited to 12 and their final selection will be decided by the Council. Successful applicants must be prepared to contribute at least £25.



LIBRARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Would users of the Library please note that the address now is: C/o Auckland Institute and Museum, P.B., Auckland.



REGIONAL ORGANISERS, O.S.N.Z.

The list of Regional Organisers published in *Notornis* X, page 95, and amended in *Notornis* X, page 143, is further amended as follows:
Far North — Delete D. G. McMillan, Box 59, Rawene, and substitute Vacant.



DONATIONS for year ending 31/3/1963

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