

## 1969 A.G.M. WEEK-END, AUCKLAND

Auckland members were the hosts for a very successful round of meetings held at the Museum on 16th, 17th and 18th May, 1969.

The Society's Council met on the afternoon and evening of the Friday, and on Saturday morning the annual conference of Regional Representatives was attended by eight R.R.'s and six other officers. Annual Reports from regions were discussed, and the meeting considered means of disseminating news and interesting records. The Council's proposals for a distribution recording scheme were fully explained and discussed.

On Saturday afternoon members met in the Museum hall to hear two papers. Mr. C. J. R. Robertson spoke on the "Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony," and Mr. J. P. Croxall described "Mixed-flock Feeding in Primary Forest in Sarawak." Following these Mr. Geoff. Moon showed an excellent series of colour slides and a film of Fairy Terns nesting on Northland beaches. A buffet dinner preceded the Annual Meeting and set the scene for a very pleasant social gathering before the formal business.

The President, Dr. G. R. Williams, welcomed 65 members to the Annual General Meeting. Reports from each of the Society's schemes and committees were read and adopted for publication. It was announced that the new edition of the Checklist of New Zealand Birds is in the hands of the printers and should be on sale before the end of the year, at a price estimated to be \$2.50. Progress was reported on the review of the Constitution.

The following officers were declared elected unopposed to the Council positions which became vacant at this meeting:

Editor: Mr. R. B. Sibson, Auckland.

Secretary: Mr. B. A. Ellis, Christchurch.

Treasurer: Mr. J. P. C. Watt, Dunedin.

Council Member: Mr. R. R. Sutton, Invercargill.

Members carried with acclamation, a vote of thanks to Mr. B. D. Heather, who retires from the Council after some years of service.

The President announced the award of the prize for the junior member making the most outstanding contribution to the aims of the Society in the year, to Richard Gray, of Dunedin, for his work on the breeding biology of the Rifleman.

Mrs. S. Reed proposed that the Society should publish a calendar of artistic bird photographs. Mr. R. B. Sibson thanked her for her suggestion, but explained that after consideration at the previous day's Council meeting, it was decided that this further venture into publishing did not seem practicable at this time, due to the problems of distribution, etc.

In reply to Mr. A. T. Edgar's question, the President explained that the colour copy of the Kermadec Expedition film had not yet been received, and that the last of the scientific papers were awaited for completion of the book of the expedition.

Supper was served after the meeting, and arrangements were finalised for Sunday's field outings to Mangere ponds and to Karaka. The Mangere party's sighting of a Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*), only the sixth record for New Zealand, was regarded as a fitting conclusion to a week-end which Mrs. Reed and her committee had so excellently organised in every respect.

— B. A. ELLIS

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

### For the Year Ended 31st December, 1968

| 1967          |   | 1968          |
|---------------|---|---------------|
|               | <b>OUR INCOME WAS EARNED FROM:</b>              |               |
| 1724          | Subscriptions: Ordinary .....                   | 1818          |
|               | Arrears .....                                   | 47            |
|               | Life Members (Note 1) .....                     | 152           |
| 38            | Donations .....                                 | 21            |
| 651           | Profit on Christmas Cards .....                 | 745           |
| 267           | Sale of Back Numbers of "Notornis" .....        | 252           |
| 103           | Surplus Field Study Course .....                | 50            |
| <u>2783</u>   | <b>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</b> .....              | <u>\$3085</u> |
|               | <b>PLUS INVESTMENT INCOME:</b>                  |               |
| 190           | Interest .....                                  | 340           |
| 184           | Dividends .....                                 | 193           |
| 1724          | Royalties .....                                 | 612           |
| <u>2098</u>   | <b>TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b> .....            | <u>1145</u>   |
| <u>4881</u>   | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....                       | <u>\$4230</u> |
|               | <b>LESS EXPENSES:</b>                           |               |
| 1761          | "Notornis" Printing & Distribution .....        | 2324          |
| 52            | Postages .....                                  | 62            |
| 145           | Printing & Stationery .....                     | 157           |
| 193           | General Expenses .....                          | 81            |
| 29            | Annual General Meeting .....                    | 16            |
| 84            | Travelling Expenses .....                       | 108           |
| 29            | Nest Record Scheme .....                        | 5             |
|               | Recording Scheme .....                          | 5             |
|               | Royal Society Affiliation .....                 | 20            |
|               | Library Expenses .....                          | 64            |
|               | Nett Cost of Kermadec Expedition (Note 2) ..... | 80            |
| 82            | Bird Study Pamphlet .....                       | —             |
| 50            | Taxes Paid .....                                | —             |
|               | Audit Fee 1967 (Note 3) .....                   | 125           |
|               | Audit Fee 1968 .....                            | 100           |
| <u>2425</u>   | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> .....                     | <u>3147</u>   |
|               | <b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED</b>             |               |
| <u>\$2456</u> | <b>TO ACCUMULATED FUND</b>                      | <u>\$1083</u> |

## BALANCE SHEET

### As at 31st December, 1968

| 1967           |  | 1968           |
|----------------|--|----------------|
|                | <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                     |                |
| 5400           | Cash at Bank of N.Z. ....                  | 5324           |
| 66             | Sundry Amounts owed to the Society ....    | 79             |
| 420            | Bank of N.Z. Savings Account ....          | 515            |
|                | Checklist Expenses ....                    | 104            |
| 600            | Stocks of "Notornis" (Note 4) ....         | 100            |
|                | Stocks of "Biology of Birds" (Note 5) .... | 100            |
| 1440           | Loan to Kermadec Accounts ....             | —              |
| 2110           | Loan to "Biology of Birds" ....            | —              |
| <u>10036</u>   | <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> ....           | <u>\$6222</u>  |
|                | <b>INVESTMENTS AT COST:</b>                |                |
| 5050           | Shares in Public Companies (Note 6) ....   | 5134           |
| 1400           | Local Body Stocks (Note 7) ....            | 4284           |
|                | <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> ....              | 9418           |
| 1000           | Library at Valuation ....                  | 1000           |
| <u>\$17486</u> | <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> ....                   | <u>16640</u>   |
|                | <b>LESS LIABILITIES:</b>                   |                |
| 480            | Amounts owed by the Society ....           | 735            |
| 212            | Subscriptions in Advance ....              | 177            |
|                | <b>RESERVE FUNDS:</b>                      |                |
| 1520           | Life Subscriptions ....                    | 1512           |
| 300            | Minor Expeditions ....                     | 251            |
| 896            | Publication Account ....                   | —              |
| <u>3408</u>    | <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> ....              | <u>2675</u>    |
|                | <b>VALUE OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>          |                |
| <u>14078</u>   | <b>AS BELOW</b>                            | <u>\$13965</u> |
|                | <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</b>                  |                |
| 11622          | Balance 1/1/68 ....                        | 14078          |
| 2456           | Plus Surplus for year ....                 | 1083           |
|                |  | 15161          |
|                | Less Stock of "Notornis" written down .... | 500            |
|                | Loss on "Biology of Birds" ....            | 696            |
|                |  | 1196           |
| <u>\$14078</u> | <b>BALANCE 31/12/68 AS ABOVE</b> ....      | <u>\$13965</u> |

**" BIOLOGY OF BIRDS "****Statement of Receipts and Payments  
for the Period from June 1966 to December 1968****INCOME:**

|                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | \$   |
| Sales of Book        | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2823 |
| Miscellaneous Income | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 21   |
| Interest             | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 31   |

|                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |               |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>\$2875</b> |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|

**LESS EXPENSES:**

|                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Publisher           | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3861 |
| Advertising         | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 568  |
| Stamps & Stationery | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 177  |
| Sundry Expenses     | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 65   |

|                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>4671</b> |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|

|                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |               |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| <b>LOSS ON BOOK</b> | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>\$1796</b> |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|

**LESS TRANSFER FROM:**

|                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Publication Reserve | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1000 |
| Accumulated Funds   | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 696  |

|                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| <b>BALANCE 31/12/68</b> | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>\$100</b> |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|

**NOTE:** This balance represents the books on hand unsold.

**KERMADEC EXPEDITION ACCOUNT**

|                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |               |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| Cash on Hand 1/1/68 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>\$1430</b> |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|

**PLUS INCOME:**

|                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |    |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Interest          | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 31 |
| Sale of Equipment | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 24 |

**LESS EXPENSES PAID:**

|                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| General Expenses   | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8   |
| National Film Unit | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 117 |

|  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |               |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| <b>FINAL BALANCE WHEN ACCOUNT CLOSED</b> | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>\$1360</b> |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|

|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| We had advanced to the Expedition Account | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1440 |
| And received back as above                | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1360 |

|                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| <b>LEAVING A NETT LOSS OF</b> | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | <b>\$80</b> |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|

The Society still owns tents which had a book value at 1/1/68 of \$100.  
When and if this is sold the proceeds should offset this loss.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

**Note 1:** Life Members transfer 10% of Balance 1/1/68.

**Note 2:** Nett cost of Kermadecs Expedition is represented by tentage.

**Note 3:** Audit Fees are actual for 1967 and the estimate for 1968.

**Note 4:** Stocks of Notornis have been reduced from \$600 to \$100.

**Note 6:** Shares in Public Companies cost \$5133.60 and had a market value of \$4975.52 as at 31/12/68.

|                      |      |      |     |        |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|--------|
| Andrews and Beavin   | .... | .... | 400 | \$1.00 |
| Farmers Trading Co.  | .... | .... | 500 | \$0.50 |
| Alex Harvey          | .... | .... | 140 | \$1.00 |
| Plus Bonus           | .... | .... | 28  | \$1.00 |
| N.Z. Forest Products | .... | .... | 400 | \$1.00 |
| Wilsons Cement       | .... | .... | 500 | \$1.00 |
| General Foods. Notes | .... | .... | 168 | \$0.50 |
| J. Wattie Canneries  | .... | .... | 509 | \$0.50 |

**Note 7:** Investments in Local Body Stocks:

|                         |      |                                 |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Otago Harbour Board     | .... | \$966 maturing 1/9/71 @ \$1000  |
| Southland Harbour Board | .... | \$953 maturing 30/6/72 @ \$1000 |
| Auckland Hospital Board | .... | \$965 maturing 17/6/73 @ \$1000 |

Representing part of the Life Subs. Reserve:

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Auckland Electric Power Board | \$400 maturing 1/4/69  |
| Auckland Electric Power Board | \$400 maturing 1/4/70  |
| Auckland Electric Power Board | \$600 maturing 15/2/71 |

Total — \$4284

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS For the Year Ended 31st December, 1968

We report, that in our opinion, the foregoing accounts of **The Ornithological Society of N.Z. (Inc.)** for the year ended 31st December, 1968 are in agreement with the books and records of the Society and give a true and fair view of the Society's position at that date and of the results of its transactions for the year. The Society has kept proper books and supplied all the information required.

THOMPSON & LANG, Public Accountants,

Auditors

Dunedin, 13th May, 1969

**TREASURER'S REPORT****For the Year Ended 31/12/68**

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE O.S.N.Z., AUCKLAND, 17/5/69

I am pleased to report that the Society's finances continue to be in a generally sound state. The surplus for the year of \$1083 is most gratifying. However it must be pointed out that contributing to the surplus was \$612 from Royalties to the Field Guide together with \$745 profit from the sale of Christmas Cards. Without these sources of income a deficit of \$274 would be shown.

Investment income apart from Royalties has contributed significantly to the general income. Interest in Local Body Stock returned 5% for the year, dividends from shares in public companies returned 3.76% on their cost price, and interest on money held in the bank returned 3%. Despite the relative buoyancy of the share market at the end of the year the value of our shares had not quite returned to their cost price. However a valuation on 15/5/69 showed them to be \$906 above cost price. A schedule of our investments is shown with the Notes to the Accounts.

With regard to the year's expenses I have to report a 20% rise in the price of printing 'Notornis' over the same cost for 1967. This is after allowing for the fact that Vol. 15 (1968) was a larger volume than Vol. 14 (1967) by 48 pages. I have also to report that successful representation has been made to the Inland Revenue Department with the result that the Society is now tax exempt. The recent change to our Constitution has clearly defined the non-profit nature of the Society. This change was a prerequisite to exemption.

Membership during the year showed a net increase of 3.9%. 115 new members joined while 36 left the Society and a further 41 were struck off as unfinancial. Membership at 31/12/68 was:— Ordinary 652, Junior 80, Husband and Wife, 20, Endowment 30, Overseas (including bodies) 77, N.Z. bodies 46, Life 79, Hon. Life 2, Exchanges 46, Complimentary 9, Total 1041. The increase in Junior membership from 56 to 80 is of special interest.

The accounts for the 'Biology of Birds' have been brought to audit. 5000 copies of the book were published and there remains a stock of some 2290 copies. The account as such has now been closed, showing a loss of \$1796. Future sales will recoup part of this loss.

The stocks of both the 'Biology of Birds' and back numbers of 'Notornis' have been written down to \$100 each. In the long term their value is hopefully greater than this amount. The showing of stock at a nominal value in a balance sheet is accepted practice for non-profit organisations.

The Kermadec Account was closed during the year. Tents to the value of \$100 are owned by the Society so the 'loss' of \$80 is really only a paper figure.

I wish to thank Jill Hamel, Bob Smith, Robin Gledhill and Peter Schweigman for their assistance at busy times during the year. To A. Blackburn and B. D. Heather I gratefully acknowledge assistance

with the keeping of the Kermadec and Biology of Birds Accounts respectively. My special thanks, too, to all those members who paid their subscriptions promptly and thereby greatly assisted in reducing the paper work. I also wish to record the interest and courtesy shown by Messrs. J. Lang (Auditor) and H. R. Wilson (Sharebroker) in handling the affairs of the Society.

JAMES P. C. WATT,  
Hon. Treasurer



### DONATIONS

The following donations of \$1.00 or more were received during the year ended 31/12/68. Several donations of amounts less than \$1.00 were also received from a number of members, and 30 members contributed an extra dollar through their Endowment subscription. The Society gratefully acknowledges these sources of income which contributed \$51 in total last year.

P. J. Quinn (\$1.00), E. St. Paul (\$2.00), G. W. Yeates (\$1.00), G. Wightman (\$2.00), I. L. McKeen (\$2.00), D. Crockett (\$2.00), Miss McDougall (\$3.00), A. Todd (\$1.00), Dr. M. Pick (\$5.00).

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## REPORT OF THE NEST RECORD SCHEME

### For the Year Ended April 30th, 1969

During the year ended April 30th, 1969, 744 nest record cards have been received from 30 contributors. Observations were made for 59 species. The largest contribution by a junior member is that of Raymond Pierce of St. Andrews, South Canterbury, who recorded 142 observations of nesting of 22 species. The most detailed observation of an individual nest was made by Sue Fogarty of Ardmore, Auckland.

Members are reminded that nest record cards can be borrowed for information on breeding behaviour. We would be grateful if those availing themselves of this service could, where practicable, make available to the Society the results of their analyses, as the information would then be available to others on request. This does not apply, of course, to those whose results are published in *Notornis*, or elsewhere.

Colonial cards are being used to a greater extent. 51 colonial cards covering mainly gulls, terns and shags have been included in this year's report.

Species recorded in the scheme for the first time include Girl Bunting and North Island Rifleman.

Sincere thanks to those who contributed cards during the year and best wishes to those who are planning to participate in the Nest Record Scheme in the future.

— DAVID E. CROCKETT,  
Nest Record Organiser

## SPECIES LIST OF NEST RECORD CARDS

| SPECIES                           | Previous<br>Total | 1968-69<br>New<br>Total | SPECIES | Previous<br>Total              | 1968-69<br>New<br>Total |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|
| North Island Kiwi                 | 2                 | -                       | 2       | N.Z. Dotterel                  | 53                      | -    | 53   |
| Stewart Island Kiwi               | 2                 | 1                       | 3       | Wrybill Plover                 | 9                       | -    | 9    |
| Great Spotted Kiwi                | 1                 | -                       | 1       | Pied Stilt                     | 201                     | 38   | 239  |
| Yellow-eyed Penguin               | 11                | -                       | 11      | Black Stilt                    | 6                       | -    | 6    |
| Little Blue Penguin               | 57                | 1                       | 58      | Southern Skua                  | 2                       | -    | 2    |
| White-flipped Penguin             | 12                | -                       | 12      | Black-backed Gull              | 211                     | 11   | 222  |
| N.Z. Crested Penguin              | 2                 | -                       | 2       | Red-billed Gull                | 96                      | 11   | 107  |
| Southern Crested Grebe            | 2                 | -                       | 2       | Black-billed Gull              | 100                     | 2    | 102  |
| N.Z. Dabchick                     | 1                 | -                       | 1       | Black-fronted Tern             | 207                     | 1    | 208  |
| Wandering Albatross               | 11                | -                       | 11      | Caspian Tern                   | 19                      | 19   | 38   |
| Light-mantled Sooty Albatross     | 4                 | -                       | 4       | Antarctic Tern                 | 3                       | -    | 3    |
| Fairy Prion                       | 16                | -                       | 16      | Fairy Tern                     | 9                       | -    | 9    |
| Flesh-footed Shearwater           | 1                 | -                       | 1       | White-fronted Tern             | 45                      | 8    | 53   |
| Sooty Shearwater                  | 4                 | -                       | 4       | White Tern                     | 1                       | -    | 1    |
| Fluttering Shearwater             | 7                 | -                       | 7       | Grey Ternlet                   | 5                       | -    | 5    |
| Allied Shearwater                 | 3                 | -                       | 3       | N.Z. Pigeon                    | 24                      | 4    | 28   |
| Black Petrel                      | 1                 | -                       | 1       | Rock Pigeon                    | 59                      | 5    | 64   |
| Grey-faced Petrel                 | 14                | -                       | 14      | Kaka                           | 9                       | -    | 9    |
| Kermadec Petrel                   | 1                 | -                       | 1       | Kea                            | 51                      | 1    | 52   |
| Pycroft's Petrel                  | 5                 | -                       | 5       | N.Z. Parakeet (Red-crowned)    | 7                       | -    | 7    |
| White-faced Storm Petrel          | 5                 | -                       | 5       | Yellow-crowned Parakeet        | 3                       | -    | 3    |
| Diving Petrel                     | 51                | -                       | 51      | Shining Cuckoo                 | 4                       | -    | 4    |
| Gannet                            | 4                 | -                       | 4       | Morepork                       | 8                       | 2    | 10   |
| Black Shag                        | 52                | 11                      | 63      | Little Owl                     | 14                      | -    | 14   |
| Pied Shag                         | 19                | 1                       | 20      | Kingfisher                     | 60                      | 5    | 65   |
| Little Black Shag                 | 1                 | -                       | 1       | South Island Rifleman          | 44                      | 28   | 72   |
| White-throated Shag               | 11                | 2                       | 13      | North Island Rifleman          | -                       | 5    | 5    |
| King Shag                         | 18                | -                       | 18      | Rock Wren                      | 11                      | -    | 11   |
| Spotted Shag                      | 5                 | -                       | 5       | Skylark                        | 93                      | 6    | 99   |
| Blue Heron                        | 31                | -                       | 31      | Welcome Swallow                | 150                     | 12   | 162  |
| White-faced Heron                 | 12                | 1                       | 13      | Fantail                        | 132                     | 10   | 142  |
| Bittern                           | 2                 | -                       | 2       | N.I. Fantail                   | -                       | 21   | 21   |
| Canada Goose                      | 22                | -                       | 22      | N.I. Tomtit                    | 14                      | -    | 14   |
| Domestic Goose (presumed escaped) | 1                 | 1                       | 1       | S.I. Tomtit                    | 22                      | 1    | 23   |
| Mute Swan                         | 9                 | -                       | 9       | N.I. Robin                     | 8                       | -    | 8    |
| Black Swan                        | 39                | 8                       | 47      | S.I. Robin                     | 15                      | -    | 15   |
| Paradise Duck                     | 7                 | -                       | 7       | N.I. Fernbird                  | 5                       | 2    | 7    |
| Grey Teal                         | 9                 | -                       | 9       | S.I. Fernbird                  | 9                       | -    | 9    |
| Brown Teal                        | 2                 | -                       | 2       | Brown Creeper                  | 2                       | 2    | 4    |
| Grey Duck                         | 77                | 7                       | 84      | Whitehead                      | 6                       | -    | 6    |
| Grey Duck/Mallard Cross           | 1                 | 1                       | 2       | Yellowhead                     | 13                      | -    | 13   |
| Mallard                           | 46                | 12                      | 58      | Grey Warbler                   | 82                      | 3    | 85   |
| Shoveller                         | 11                | 1                       | 12      | Song Thrush                    | 1079                    | 143  | 1222 |
| Black Teal                        | 6                 | -                       | 6       | Blackbird                      | 937                     | 116  | 1053 |
| Harrier                           | 48                | 2                       | 50      | Hedge Sparrow                  | 133                     | 12   | 146  |
| N.Z. Falcon                       | 5                 | -                       | 5       | N.Z. Pipit                     | 30                      | 2    | 32   |
| Pheasant                          | 18                | -                       | 18      | Bellbird                       | 17                      | 1    | 18   |
| Brown Quail                       | 3                 | 1                       | 4       | Tui                            | 23                      | 5    | 28   |
| Californian Quail                 | 18                | -                       | 18      | White-eye                      | 99                      | 27   | 126  |
| Chukor                            | 1                 | -                       | 1       | Greenfinch                     | 74                      | 5    | 79   |
| Banded Rail                       | 4                 | -                       | 4       | Goldfinch                      | 286                     | 48   | 334  |
| Spotless Crane                    | 2                 | -                       | 2       | Lesser Redpoll                 | 47                      | 14   | 61   |
| North Island Weka                 | 4                 | -                       | 4       | Chaffinch                      | 153                     | 22   | 175  |
| South Island Weka                 | 7                 | 1                       | 8       | Yellowhammer                   | 27                      | 6    | 33   |
| Pukeko                            | 95                | 11                      | 106     | Girl Bunting                   | -                       | 1    | 1    |
| Australian Coot                   | 4                 | -                       | 4       | House Sparrow                  | 458                     | 39   | 497  |
| South Island Pied Oystercatcher   | 101               | 2                       | 103     | Starling                       | 197                     | 14   | 211  |
| North Island Pied Oystercatcher   | 28                | 2                       | 30      | Myna                           | 19                      | 2    | 21   |
| Black Oystercatcher               | 31                | 4                       | 35      | White-backed Magpie            | 16                      | 9    | 25   |
| Spur-winged Plover                | 32                | -                       | 32      | Magpie (Species not indicated) | 6                       | -    | 6    |
| Banded Dotterel                   | 163               | 2                       | 165     | North Island Saddleback        | 7                       | -    | 7    |
|                                   |                   |                         | TOTALS  | 6664                           | 744                     | 7408 |      |



## LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

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## RECORDING SCHEME

### Report for 1968/69

23 Species Files have been sent out on request during the year (compare previous annual figures of 4, 3 and 10). It is encouraging to note that more use is being made of the files. Some were used by Officers of Wildlife Branch, some by members working on a thesis, others in preparation of papers published or to be published in *Notornis*. The number of contributors is slightly down; much good information has come in, but I have missed newsletters from Southland and Otago. I am grateful to my regular correspondents and to those new correspondents who have sent valuable notes during the year. The value of the scheme as a reservoir of unpublished information available for members working on individual species depends upon the amount of material provided by R.R.s and members.

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— A. T. EDGAR, Recorder

## BEACH PATROL SCHEME, 1968

The number of dead seabirds found in 1968 was the highest yet in one year, even excluding the mortality caused by the cyclone of 10th April, 1968. Mr. Kinsky has already reported in *Notornis* the finding of 588 specimens after that storm. Excluding those found in April, 1968, the total number reported to me is at present 3,950 seabirds. More cards have been promised from Taranaki and Manawatu. Of the 15 coastal zones 6 are not represented by any cards: namely, Bay of Plenty, East Coast of North Island, Wairarapa, North Coast of South Island, Canterbury North and Fiordland. Present totals for zones are: Wellington West, 3,524 birds; Auckland West, 291; Southland, 49; Auckland East, 41; Westland, 17; Canterbury South, 14; Wellington South, 12; Otago, 2.

The Prions, particularly Fairy Prions, were the most abundant; but unfortunately most were in that unidentifiable state — wings only. Greatest numbers by far were collected in October, when there was an exceptional wreck of Short-tailed Shearwaters which continued through November. Among the more interesting totals there were: unidentifiable Prions, 1,473; Fairy Prions, 703; Short-tailed Shearwaters, 747; Hutton's Shearwaters, 88; Blue Petrels, 9. Despite the high grand total for the year the only rarities were one each of Kerguelen Petrel, Black-bellied Storm Petrel, Grey-backed Storm Petrel and a Spine-tailed Swift.

A complete analysis of the returns is now in progress and the final report will soon be in the editor's hands.

— M. J. IMBER, Organiser

## CARD COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1968 Christmas card depicted the painting of a Saddleback by John Latham from a "General Synopsis of Birds" published in 1783. It was the third of the historical series used by the Society for its annual Christmas card. The use of part of the original text using the archaic "f" for the letter "s" caused some concern to a few people and some returned their cards. Apart from these few objections the card was very well received and many considered it the best to date.

This year 17,000 cards were printed and 1,361 dozen were sold (1966 sales 1,312 dozen and 1967 1,402 dozen). This produced a net profit of \$560.09 for this year. Some difficulty was experienced in keeping up with the orders owing to the work of the Convener and his volunteers demanding their absence from town. This caused some delay in getting orders out and it is hoped that no inconvenience was caused. Previous years' cards are still being held, but some are sold each year and can be disposed of later as mixed packages.

The painting selected for the 1969 cards is the Spotted Shag by John Gould originally published in "The Birds of Australia and New Zealand." One additional reason for selecting the Spotted Shag is to link this year's card to the Cook Bi-Centennial as this species was first collected by Forster in Queen Charlotte Sound during Cook's second voyage.

On the Society's behalf I would like to thank the Turnbull Library, Bryce Francis Limited (Printers), The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society and the volunteers who assisted with the packaging and despatching of the cards.

— BRIAN D. BELL, Convener

## REPORT OF THE SOCIETY'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. G. Harrow resigned from the committee but J. M. Cunningham attended the meeting held on 26th March, 1969. Main discussions centred on the mounting administration problems caused by more ringing and more recoveries. For the two years 1966-68 the totals of birds ringed are:

|                 |                                     |       |        |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Game Birds:     | Wildlife personnel .....            | 20000 | 38800  |
|                 | Acclimatisation Societies .....     | 18800 |        |
| Non-game Birds: | Wildlife personnel .....            | 8200  | 69000  |
|                 | Wildlife scholars and bursars ..... | 2200  |        |
|                 | Animal Ecology D.S.I.R. ....        | 7200  |        |
|                 | Dominion Museum sponsored .....     | 18700 |        |
|                 | University staff and students ..... | 4200  |        |
|                 | Other banding operators .....       | 22900 |        |
|                 | O.S.N.Z. Expedition .....           | 5600  | 69000  |
|                 |                                     |       | 107800 |

There is considerable delay in processing information and in providing data for analyses as well as producing a ringing report, the last of which was up to 1964. It was pointed out that the Wildlife Service was being blamed for this although to be fair the delay would probably have occurred under any administration because of the sheer volume of work. There is thus some talk of curtailing ringing activities.

Your representative pointed out that because there is so much "official" ringing, if ringing by O.S.N.Z. members were restricted there would not be much overall saving of administrative work. It was generally agreed that members should not be discouraged, possibly turning them from ornithology. It is likely however, that members wishing to ring will have to justify their schemes more fully in the future, as being likely to produce worthwhile results. It simply is not economic or desirable to go on ringing just in the hope that something interesting might arise from it.

Progress is being made with the production of a full ringing report covering the years 1965-69. The Banding Officer may be relinquishing his position at the end of the year but plans to complete the report before then. The Wildlife Service has in fact given a firm assurance that this will be prepared for publication within a year and your representative expressed keen satisfaction at this promise. Opportunity is taken here to record the sterling service given by Mr. C. J. Robertson as Banding Officer.

Restricted ringing permits have been issued to 78 private operators and 19 organisations and general permits to 6 operators (v. *Notornis* 15, 2: pp. 137-139). No applications have been refused and therefore none has been referred to the committee for further consideration.

— J. M. CUNNINGHAM

**LIBRARY REPORT****1st January to 31st December, 1968**

The past year has been a busy and satisfactory one. Many journals and separates have come in and been catalogued. In all there have been over fifty borrowings.

The inter-loan system has noticeably increased, a great many items being taken by University students doing biology and special studies in ornithology.

Our thanks and appreciation should again be expressed to the Director of the Auckland War Memorial Museum and the Council for the continued housing of the library and to Miss Evans, Museum Librarian, and her staff for friendly helpfulness.

— HETTY McKENZIE, Hon. Librarian

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**Back Numbers of Notornis** at 50c each. Large orders for full or part sets at special prices.

**O.S.N.Z. Library Catalogue**, 70 pp., 50c.

**Banding Reports**, Nos. 8 to 14, 50c each. Nos. 1 to 7 are incorporated in early issues of 'Notornis.'

**Kermadecs Expedition, 1964**, by A. T. Edgar. Reprints at 45c.

From all bookshops:

**A Field Guide to the Birds of New Zealand**, by R. A. Falla, R. B. Sibson and E. G. Turbott. \$4.50.

From O.S.N.Z., Box 40-272, Upper Hutt:

**A Biology of Birds**, by B. D. Heather. \$1.33 post free.

From B. A. Ellis, 36 Hartley Avenue, Christchurch 5:

**Field Guide to the Waders**, by Condon and McGill. Price 65c.