

FILM EVENING AT THE DOMINION MUSEUM, WELLINGTON. In the course of a brief visit to New Zealand, Dr. Telford H. Work, formerly of Stanford University, California, gave an interesting screening, with commentary, of a colour film entitled "Bits of Land Along the Coast." Wellington district members of the society were notified of the screening, which was held in the Dominion Museum on the evening of December 13. This proved to be a fascinating introduction to the bird life of off-shore Californian islands such as the Farallones and others less known. The films were in colour and there were excellent studies of brown pelicans, western gulls, oystercatchers, several species of cormorant, as well as the numerous puffins and auks less familiar to ornithologists in the Southern Hemisphere. It was unfortunate that short notice and the proximity of the holiday season resulted in a small attendance, but Dr. Work, whose bird photography is well-known in the United States and abroad, has promised to bring his films on a later visit which he hopes to make to this country.—R.A.F.

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| Albatross, Royal (<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>) | Penguin, Yellow-eyed (<i>Megadyptes</i> |
| Albatross, Light-mantled Sooty (<i>Phoe-</i> | <i>antipodes</i>). |
| <i>betria palpebrata</i>). | Petrel, Diving (<i>Pelecanoides urinatrix</i>). |
| Bellbird (<i>Anthornis melanura</i>). | Petrel, Giant (<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>). |
| Blackbird (<i>Turdus merula</i>). | Petrel, Grey-faced (<i>Pterodroma macro-</i> |
| Chaffinch (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>) | <i>ptera</i>) |
| Dotterel, Banded (<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>) | Pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>). |
| Duck, Blue (<i>Hymenolaimus malacorhyn-</i> | Pigeon (Native or Wood) (<i>Hemiphaga</i> |
| <i>chus</i>). | <i>novaeseelandiae</i>). |
| Duck, Grey (<i>Anas poicilorhyncha</i>) | Pipit (<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>). |
| Duck, Mallard (<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>) | Prion, Fairy (<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>) |
| Duck, Paradise (<i>Tadorna variegata</i>). | Prion, Broad-billed (<i>Pachyptila vittata</i>). |
| Dabchick (<i>Poliocephalus rufopectus</i>). | Pukeko (<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>). |
| Fantail (<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>) | Rifleman (<i>Acanthisitta chloris</i>). |
| Gannet (<i>Morus serrator</i>) | Robin (<i>Miro australis</i>). |
| Godwit (<i>Limosa lapponica</i>) | Shag, Black (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>). |
| Goldfinch (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>) | Shag, Pied (<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>) |
| Greenfinch (<i>Chloris chloris</i>) | Shearwater, Sooty (<i>Puffinus griseus</i>). |
| Gull, Black-backed (<i>Larus dominicanus</i>) | Skua, Southern (<i>Catharacta lonnbergi</i>) |
| Gull, Black-billed (<i>Larus bulleri</i>) | Skylark (<i>Alanda arvensis</i>) |
| Gull, Red-billed (<i>L. hollandiae</i>). | Silver-eye (<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>). |
| Harrier (<i>Circus approximans</i>) | Sparrow, House (<i>Passer domesticus</i>). |
| Hawk, Bush (<i>Falco novaeseelandiae</i>) | Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>) |
| Hedge Sparrow (<i>Frunella modularis</i>) | Storm Petrel, White-faced (<i>Pelagodroma</i> |
| Kingsfisher (<i>Halcyon sanctus</i>). | <i>marina</i>) |
| Creepie, Brown (<i>Finschia novaese-</i> | Swan, Black (<i>Cygnus atratus</i>). |
| <i>landiae</i>). | Tern, Caspian (<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>) |
| Kea (<i>Nestor notabilis</i>). | Tern, White-fronted (<i>Sterna striata</i>). |
| Magpie, White-backed (<i>Gymnorhina</i> | Thrush, Song (<i>Turdus cericorum</i>) |
| <i>hypoleuca</i>). | Tit, Yellow-breasted (<i>Petroica macro-</i> |
| Mollymawk, Buller's (<i>Thalassarche</i> | <i>cephala</i>). |
| <i>bulleri</i>). | Tui (<i>Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae</i>). |
| Myna (<i>Acroderes tristis</i>) | Warbler, Grey (<i>Pseudogerygone igata</i>). |
| Parakeet, Red-fronted (<i>Cyanoramphus</i> | Weka, S.I. (<i>Gallirallus australis</i>). |
| <i>novaeseelandiae</i>). | Yellowhammer (<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>). |
| Penguin, Erect-crested (<i>Eudyptes</i> | Yellowhead (<i>Mohoua ochrocephala</i>). |
| <i>sclateri</i>) | |

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