

several parts of New Zealand with the "zonal colour" rings, i.e., a different colour is used in each district. N.Z. dotterel and some blackbirds and thrushes have also been colour ringed, in these cases each bird being distinguished according to pre-arranged plans, with a different combination of colours. Members are requested to immediately report any ringed birds seen. Care should be taken to state the colour of the rings, and which leg or legs they are on, and also if both legs were examined to make sure all rings were seen clearly. The date and locality should be given.

Members are advised that the Dominion Museum has taken over the rings and records, and the society is indebted to the museum for this service. Mr. J. M. Cunningham has relinquished the convenership of the Ringing Committee, and Mr P. C. Bull has taken his place. All correspondence on ringing matters should, therefore, be addressed to Mr. Bull, 131 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt.

NEST RECORDS.—This is an investigation in which almost all members can help. Cards should be filled in for all species—when nests with eggs or young are found, even if the nest is visited only once, or if it is deserted or destroyed. The commonest birds are worthy of attention as there are many gaps in our knowledge of these birds. Cards are available on request from Mr. J. King, Box 448, Masterton.

BEACH PATROL.—Mr. R. K. Dell, c/o Dominion Museum, Wellington, is now organising this investigation, and cards should be obtained from and returned to him. In the case of all petrels found, black-billed and red-billed gulls, and other species showing some similarity, the diagnostic feature should be mentioned in the square "identification confirmed by" or else the name of an authority who has examined the specimens and confirmed their identification.

INQUIRIES.

The following are still current. Members who have not yet supplied information they may have, are invited to give it to the respective organisers immediately.

DABCHICK SURVEY.—Organiser: Mr. R. B. Sibson. Information is still being gathered on the numbers and distribution of this bird in all parts of the country. The full questionnaire was published in the cyclo-styled Bulletin No. 1, 1941-2.

BANDED DOTTEREL.—Organisers: Messrs. C. A. Fleming and R. H. D. Stidolph. The second interim report was published in *Notornis*, V. 4, No. 4.

GODWIT.—Organiser: Mr. R. H. D. Stidolph. The first interim report was published in *Notornis* V. 4, No. 6.

MYNA.—Organiser: Mr. J. M. Cunningham. Information supplementary to that published in *N.Z.B.N.*, V. 3, No. 2 and *Notornis* V. 4, No. 4, is being collected for publication in a further report. Records of all birds seen in the Bay of Plenty area, Auckland northern suburbs and North Auckland, are desired, as well as any changes noted in the other parts of the North Island.

WEKA IN GISBORNE-EAST COAST.—Organiser: Mr. J. C. Davenport. The information required is of numbers and movements, and is detailed in *Notornis* V. 4, No. 2.

CORRECTION.—Portion of the caption on page 10 of the July, 1952, number should read: Part of the stigma shown detached at bottom of plate. Lateral petal is shown in dotted line in the main figure.

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