

ANNUAL REPORT — NEST RECORDS SCHEME, 1956-7

To preclude possible uninformed criticism, action was taken during the year to legalise the scheme in accordance with the bird protection laws.

Contributors showed a slight increase. The following contributed to the Society's records:

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Accessions as at 31 March 1957 are as follows:

Yellow-eyed Penguin (2)	Fairy Tern (1)
Little Blue Penguin (1)	White-fronted Tern (14)
White-flipped Penguin (7)	Bush Pigeon (1)
Little Grebe (1)	Rock Dove (31)
Grey-faced Petrel (1)	Morepork (1)
Gannet (2)	Kingfisher (4)
Pied Shag (2)	Skylark (6)
Reef Heron (5)	Fantail (22)
White-faced Heron (3)	Pied Tit (3)
Bittern (1)	Yellow-breasted Tit (1)
Grey Teal (7)	Northern Robin (5)
Mute Swan (2)	Whitehead (4)
Black Swan (3)	Grey Warbler (13)
Paradise Duck (1)	Song Thrush (182)
Brown Duck (2)	Blackbird (170)
Grey Duck (8)	Hedge Sparrow (38)
Mallard (3)	Pipit (6)
Harrier (10)	Bellbird (4)
Pukeko (6)	Tui (1)
Black Oystercatcher (5)	White-eye (28)
Pied Oystercatcher (2)	Greenfinch (6)
Banded Dottrel (24)	Goldfinch (20)
N.Z. Dottrel (5)	Lesser Redpoll (11)
Pied Stilt (24)	Chaffinch (28)
Black-backed Gull (26)	Yellowhammer (4)
Red-billed Gull (2)	House Sparrow (26)
Black-billed Gull (7)	Starling (18)
Black-fronted Tern (3)	White-backed Magpie (1)
Caspian Tern (2)	

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7TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND RINGING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 1957

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INTRODUCTION

This report deals with all birds ringed and recovered between 1 April 1956 and 31 March 1957, as far as they were reported to the Convener within these dates. It also contains a small number of birds ringed and recovered before 1 April 1956, but which were not mentioned in previous reports. No distinction is made.

The Ringing Committee is happy to be able to advise that the number of species of protected birds, for which a general permit for ringing purposes has been granted by the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs, has now been considerably enlarged, and the following protected species can now be ringed after obtaining a permit from the Ringing Committee:

All Albatrosses, Petrels, Prions and Shearwaters at sea*; Gannet; Little Black Shag; White-throated Shag; Pied Shag; Spotted Shag; Blue Heron; White-faced Heron; South Island Pied Oystercatcher; Northern Oystercatcher; Black Oystercatcher; Banded Dotterel; New Zealand Dotterel; Pied Stilt; Black Stilt; Black-backed Gull; Black-billed Gull; Red-billed Gull; Black-fronted Tern; Caspian Tern; White-fronted Tern; Shining Cuckoo; Long-tailed Cuckoo; Silvereye.

All species of birds included in the fifth Schedule of the Wild Life Act, i.e. all unprotected species of birds, may be ringed after obtaining a permit from the Ringing Committee.

Four species of birds are now being ringed by individual ringing operators under special permit, i.e. Northern Blue Penguin, Sooty Shearwater on land, Fairy Tern and Fantail. A special report on the ringing of these four species has to be supplied to the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs every year.

For the purpose of investigation on the Northern Blue Penguin, a special flipper ring has been designed, which was manufactured locally. This type of ring is now being used as a trial and was found to be very satisfactory.

A batch of rings has been taken down to the Antarctic, including also flipper rings of the above design, but no report on ringing has yet been received from members of the New Zealand Antarctic Expedition.

The Ringing Committee is most grateful to the Dominion Museum for its help in having these special penguin rings made and for providing the necessary funds for their purchase, and to the Department of Internal Affairs for again providing a grant of £25 for the purchase of rings, which constituted a big help for this part of the Society's work.

RINGING OPERATIONS

Since the start of the Society's ringing scheme, 39 Ringing Permits have been granted.

During the period covered by this report, eight permits were cancelled and four new permits were issued, i.e. 35 members are now holding ringing permits.

The number of birds ringed during this year (5853) constitutes a record for New Zealand ringing, and is mainly due to Mr F. Abernethy's enthusiastic and admirable work done in ringing petrels at sea from a fishing vessel.

The number of birds recovered this year (357) also constitutes a record, which is partly due to the changed definition of the term 'recovery', agreed to by the Ringing Committee. A circular explaining this and some other minor changes in the ringing rules will be forwarded to all ringing operators in the near future.

The following Table A shows the results of the ringing operations conducted during the current year.

<i>Name of Operator</i>	<i>Number of birds ringed</i>	<i>Number of species ringed</i>
F. Abernethy	2437	7
D. Arthur	32	1
R. A. L. Batley	—	—
D. B. Bell	20	3
D. H. Brathwaite	—	—
P. C. Bull and co-workers	126	4
W. C. Clark	317	2
J. C. Davenport	773	2
Dr R. A. Falla	—	—
M. Fitzgerald	14	1
Dr C. A. Fleming	—	—
L. Gurr	2	1
Department of Internal Affairs (R. G. Williams)	30	1

*For the ringing of Albatrosses, Petrels, Prions and Shearwaters on land, i.e. in their nesting colonies, and for the handling of all other protected birds, not included in the above list, it is still necessary to obtain a special permit through the Ringing Committee from the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs.

Name of Operator	Number of birds ringed	Number of species ringed
J. R. Jackson	58	1
F. C. Kinsky	151	1
Prof. B. J. Marples	-	-
Miss N. Macdonald	-	-
S. S. McDonnell	15	2
H. R. McKenzie	111	3
N. B. MacKenzie	88	4
D. Medway	394	1
R. A. Ringer	-	-
Mrs O. Sansom	25	1
H. L. Secker	58	2
R. B. Sibson	94	1
P. A. S. Stein	739	1
R. H. D. Stidolph	-	-
E. G. Turbott	-	-
C. H. Tyndale-Biscoe	-	-
D. A. Urquhart	46	1
M. A. Waller	164	1
H. G. Warburton	-	-
J. S. Watson	15	2
K. E. Westerskov	-	-
L. Wintle	-	-
Dr K. Wodzicki (and co-workers)	144	1
TOTAL for 1956-57	5853	29

All species of birds ringed and recovered during the period covered by this report and the grand totals of all birds ringed and recovered up to 31/3/1957 are shown in Table B below.

The species in this Table and in the following Recovery report are listed in order in which they appear in the Society's *Checklist of New Zealand Birds* (1953) and similarly the vernacular names used are those used in the *Checklist*.

TABLE B

Species	Grand Total		1956-57	
	Ringed	Recovered	Ringed	Recovered
Northern Blue Penguin	151	6	151	6
White-flipped Penguin	11	3	-	-
Wandering Albatross	33	1	2	-
Royal Albatross	377	14	3	-
Buller's Mollymawk	44	-	-	-
White-capped Mollymawk	144	-	143	-
Salvin's Mollymawk	1	-	1	-
Light-mantled Sooty Albatross	23	12	-	1
Giant Petrel	63	4	25	1
Cape Pigeon	1767	54	1685	54
Fairy Prion	51	-	-	-
Flesh-footed Shearwater	864	29	578	29
Buller's Shearwater	17	-	-	-
Sooty Shearwater	74	-	30	-
Fluttering Shearwater	5	-	-	-
Allied Shearwater	7	-	-	-
Grey-faced Petrel	26	-	-	-
Pycroft's Petrel	8	-	-	-
White-faced Storm Petrel	3	-	-	-
Diving Petrel	52	3	-	-
Australian Gannet	4365	204	883	60
Pied Shag	4	-	-	-
Little Black Shag	2	-	-	-

Species	Grand Total		1956-57	
	Ringed	Recovered	Ringed	Recovered
White-throated Shag	7	3	-	-
Blue Heron	2	-	-	-
Black Swan	161	31	-	10
Paradise Duck	4	-	-	-
Grey Duck	4	-	-	-
Mallard	40	-	-	-
Mallard/Grey Duck - cross	1	-	-	-
Australasian Harrier	271	80	21	8
Pheasant	710	197	-	-
Californian Quail	22	-	-	-
N.Z. Banded Rail	4	-	-	-
Pukeko	4	-	2	-
Notornis	30	15	30	15
Pied Oystercatcher	1	-	-	-
Banded Dotterel	54	1	2	-
New Zealand Dotterel	10	5	-	-
Eastern Bar-tailed Godwit	1	-	-	-
Pied Stilt	42	2	9	-
Southern Skua	6	-	-	-
Southern Black-backed Gull	4117	212	759	39
Red-billed Gull	713	125	7	1
Black-billed Gull	3003	51	315	9
Caspian Tern	521	8	164	5
Fairy Tern	1	-	-	-
White-fronted Tern	2153	60	307	-
Kea	65	1	58	1
Shining Cuckoo	1	1	-	-
Long-tailed Cuckoo	1	-	-	-
Fantail	19	3	-	-
Grey Warbler	16	1	-	-
Song Thrush	220	33	57	7
Blackbird	755	172	91	48
British Hedge Sparrow	61	6	4	1
Silvereye	5880	254	432	65
Greenfinch	12	-	-	-
Goldfinch	44	-	32	-
Chaffinch	8	-	4	-
Yellowhammer	4	-	-	-
House Sparrow	61	-	54	-
Starling	127	5	4	2
White-backed Magpie	1	1	-	-
Magpie Sp.	1	1	-	-
North Island Kokako	3	-	-	-
TOTAL Numbers Ringed and Recovered	27,273	1598	5853	362

RECOVERIES

Signs and Abbreviations used in the following list:

§ = ringed.

+ = found dead, or found in sick condition and subsequently died.

‡ = shot.

† = retrapped and released.

O = retrapped on nest.

S = sight record.

D = approximate distance, in miles, from where ringed.

(15210) if under a ring number means that bird has been previously retrapped and reringed. The number in parentheses = original number.

A = length of time bird was ringed.

If ringed as fledgling = approximate age.

A: 2-5-7 = 2 years, 5 months and 7 days.

The initials at the end of every first line are those of the ringing operator (see Table A).

NORTHERN BLUE PENGUIN (*Eudyptula minor novaehollandiae*)

Six penguins were retrapped and released where ringed and their rings exchanged; 3 within 4 months, 2 within 5 months and 1 within 6 months after ringing.

LIGHT-MANTLED SOOTY ALBATROSS (*Phoebastria palpebrata*)

2A § 2/12/42 Campbell Island (Mt Beeman). Adult. J. H. Sorensen

○ 8/12/56 where ringed. A: 14-0-6

GIANT PETREL (*Macronectes giganteus*)

18181 § 10/1/56 Cape Campbell 41 deg. 45 m. S - 174 deg. 14 m. E. Adult. F.A.

† 8/8/56 Castle Point 40 deg. 54 m. S - 176 deg. 13 m. E.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-7-29

CAPE PIGEON (*Daption capensis*)

Eight Cape Pigeons ringed in November, December, May and June at Cape Campbell were retrapped and released where ringed. (4 within 5 months, 2 within 6 months, 1 within 11 months and 1 within 12 months from ringing.)

Eighteen Cape Pigeons ringed in July and August at Castle Point were retrapped and released where ringed. (6 within 1 month, 9 within 2 months and 3 within 3 months from ringing.)

Details of the other recoveries, see below.

9662 § 20/9/56 Castle Point 40 deg. 54 m. S - 176 deg. 13 m. E. F.A. Adult.

† 6/11/56 Cape Campbell 41 deg. 45 m. S - 174 deg. 15 m. E.

D 120 m. S.W. A: 0-1-17

25404 § 19/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 8/8/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-20

25465 § 20/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 28/8/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-2-8

25472 § 20/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 23/7/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-3

25497 § 20/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 4/10/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-3-14

25506 § 20/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 9/8/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-20

25532 § 21/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 10/8/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-2-20

25565 § 25/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 28/8/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-2-3

25571 § 25/6/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 9/8/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-15

25804 § 30/5/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 8/7/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-8

25812 § 31/5/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 21/7/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-21

25826 § 30/5/56 Cape Campbell. Adult. F.A.

† 10/7/56 Castle Point.

D 120 m. N.E. A: 0-1-11

25845	§	31/5/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	17/9/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-3-17	
25881	§	31/5/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	22/7/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-1-22	
26002	§	26/6/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	17/9/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-2-21	
26003	§	26/6/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	
	†	22/7/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-0-28	
26012	§	26/6/56	Kahou Rocks 41 deg. 25 m. S – 175 deg. 50 m. E. Adult.	F.A.
	†	28/8/56	Castle Point.	
	D	40 m. N.N.E.	A: 0-2-2	
26020	§	27/6/56	Kahou Rocks. Adult.	F.A.
	†	21/11/56	Cape Campbell.	
	D	80 m. S.S.W.	A: 0-4-24	
26028	§	27/6/56	Kahou Rocks. Adult.	F.A.
	†	23/8/56	Castle Point.	
	D	40 m. N.N.E.	A: 0-1-27	
26030	§	27/6/56	Kahou Rocks. Adult.	F.A.
	†	21/8/56	Castle Point.	
	D	40 m. N.N.E.	A: 0-1-25	
26041	§	2/7/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	20/9/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-2-18	
27169	§	24/7/56	Castle Point. Adult.	F.A.
	†	3/12/56	Cape Campbell.	
	D	120 m. S.W.	A: 0-4-10	
27245	§	31/7/56	Castle Point. Adult.	F.A.
	†	7/11/56	Cape Campbell.	
	D	120 m. S.W.	A: 0-3-7	
27288	§	1/8/56	Castle Point. Adult.	F.A.
	†	25/10/56	Kaikoura 42 deg. 25 m. S – 173 deg. 45 m. E.	
	D	170 m. S.W.	A: 0-2-24	
27417	§	23/11/55	Kaikoura. Adult.	F.A.
	†	18/6/56	Cape Campbell.	
	D	55 m. N.N.E.	A: 0-6-25	
27430	§	29/11/55	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	10/9/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-9-11	
27437	§	29/11/55	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	28/8/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-8-29	
27500	§	31/5/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	+	31/5/56	Found exhausted, Island Bay, Wellington 41 deg. 19 m. S – 174 deg. 45 m. E.	
	D	38 m. N.N.E.	A: 0-0-0	

FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER (*Puffinus carneipes hullianus*)

Nine Flesh-footed Shearwaters ringed at Cape Campbell during the months of January and February have been retrapped and released where ringed (4 within 1 month, and 5 within 2 months of ringing).

Twenty-one Flesh-footed Shearwaters have been retrapped after return from their winter migration, as follows:

31014	§	12/3/56	Cape Campbell 41 deg. 45 m. S – 174 deg. 15 m. E. Adult.	F.A.
	†	13/2/57	Castle Point 40 deg. 54 m. S – 176 deg. 13 m. E.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-10-30	

31015	§	8/3/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	5/3/57	Where ringed. A: 0-11-28	
13022	§	25/1/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	14/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-1-20	
13039	§	25/1/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	13/2/57	Castle Point	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 1-0-19	
13040	§	10/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	15/12/56	Where ringed. A: 0-10-5	
13046	§	8/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	10/1/57	Where ringed. A: 0-11-2	
13061	§	8/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	26/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-1-18	
13084	§	13/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	12/2/57	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-11-30	
13094	§	14/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	13/2/56	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-11-30	
30404	§	20/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	28/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-1-8	
30418	§	21/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	14/2/57	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-11-24	
30447	§	23/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	13/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-0-19	
30454	§	23/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	7/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-0-13	
30462	§	28/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	26/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-0-27	
30464	§	28/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	13/2/57	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-11-14	
30468	§	28/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	5/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-0-6	
30493	§	29/2/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	12/3/57	Where ringed. A: 1-0-12	
31047	§	4/4/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	12/2/57	Castle Point.	
	D	120 m. N.E.	A: 0-10-8	
31064	§	12/4/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	26/3/57	Where ringed. A: 0-11-14	
31072	§	14/4/56	Cape Campbell. Adult.	F.A.
	†	6/3/57	Where ringed. A: 0-11-21	

AUSTRALIAN GANNET (*Sula bassana serrator*)

Sixty Gannets have been recovered this year, 25 of which were recovered in Australia and the rest in New Zealand.

Two Gannets were recovered dead on or in the vicinity of their nesting colonies, 12 and 23 days after ringing. A number of adult Gannets originally ringed as chicks on Cape Kidnappers and Horuhoru, were retrapped, reringed and released again this year.

Two Gannets, 28702 and 17049, were recovered in an unusual way. The first was taken from a tiger shark, and the second was caught on a spinner and released without any harm having been done to the bird.

Details of these and all the other Gannets recovered appear below.

15202	§	15/1/51	Cape Kidnappers 39 deg. 38 min. S — 177 deg. 5 m. E.	
			Juv.	K.W.
15302	†	22-23/1/57	Where ringed. A: 6-0-7	
15253	§	24/2/51	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	†	22-23/1/57	Where ringed. A: 5-11-29	

15255	§	15/1/51	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
15261	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 5-10-29	
15404	§	19/1/52	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	†	22-23/1/57	Where ringed. A: 5-0-3	
15407	§	19/1/52	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 4-9-25	
15422	§	23/2/52	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
15431	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 4-8-21	
15458				
15447	§	2/2/53	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 3-9-11	
15499	§	23/2/52	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	†	22-23/1/57	Where ringed. A: 4-11-0	
15559	§	30/12/52	Horuhoru 36 deg. 45 m. S - 175 deg. 11 m. E.	
			Adult.	P.A.S.S.
	+	25/3/57	Off Awa-aroa (south coast of Waiheke Island), caught in fishing net.	
	D	15 m. S.W.	A: 4-2-26	
15991	§	1/1/55	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	31/12/56	Shoalhaven Heads, N.S.W. 34 deg. 54 min. S - 150 deg. 42 min. E.	
	D	1600 m. E.N.E.	A: 2-0-0	
16128	§	28/1/52	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	†	27/11/56	Where ringed. A: 4-10-6	
16183	§	28/1/52	Horuhoru	P.A.S.S.
	O	27/11/56	Where ringed. A: 4-10-6	
16317	§	1/2/52	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	28/10/56	Spencer's Bay, South Australia, 34 deg. S - 138 deg. E.	
	D	2580 m. W.	A: 4-8-27	
16325	§	1/2/52	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	10/6/56	Pie Melon Bay, Waiheke Island.	
	D	8 m. A:	4-4-9	
17049	§	27/12/54	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	†	20/1/57	12 m. out of Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula.	
	D	44 m. E.	A: 2-0-24	
18580	§	27/12/54	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	12/4/56	Fraser Island, Queensland, 25 deg S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1800 m. N.W.	A: 1-3-16	
18819	§	22/1/55	Cape Kidnappers. Adult.	K.W.
(15260)			(originally § 15/1/51 juv.)	
18820				
(15252)	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 5-9-29	
18821	§	22/1/55	Cape Kidnappers. Adult.	K.W.
			(originally juv. § 15/1/51)	
	O	13/11/56	Where ringed and reringed. A: 5-9-29	
18826	§	14/1/56	Cape Kidnappers. Adult.	K.W.
(15223)			(originally juv. § 15/1/51)	
	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 5-9-29	
18833	§	15/1/56	Cape Kidnappers. Adult.	K.W.
(15210)			(originally juv. § 15/1/51)	
	O	13/11/56	Where ringed. A: 5-9-29	
18860	§	18/2/56	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	+	15/4/56	Motukahakaha Beach, North Auckland.	
	D	300 m. N.W.	A: 0-1-28	
18980	§	8/1/55	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	6/10/56	Tryphena, Great Barrier Island.	
	D	36 m. N.N.E.	A: 1-8-28	
19103	§	24/1/54	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	27/2/57	Torere Beach, Bay of Plenty 37 deg. 57 m. S - 177 deg. 33 m. E.	
	D	160 m. S.E.	A: 3-1-3	

19860	§	14/1/54	Horuhoru. Adult.	P.A.S.S.
	○	27/11/56	Where ringed (reringed). A: 2-10-13	
20007	§	19/1/54	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	†	27/11/56	Where ringed (reringed). A: 2-10-8	
28257	§	3/12/55	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	2/6/56	Augowrie, N.S.W., Australia 29 deg. S - 153 deg. 30 m. E.	
	D	1600 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-5-25	
28269	§	3/12/55	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	†	14/7/56	(ring removed) Double Island Point, Queensland, Australia, 26 deg. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1750 m.	N.W. A: 0-7-11	
28281	§	3/12/55	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	17/8/56	Saint Vincent Gulf, South Australia, 35 deg. S - 138 deg. E.	
	D	2530 m.	W. A: 0-8-14	
28401	§	7/1/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	30/11/56	8 miles out to sea from Minnie Waters, N.S.W., 29 deg. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1600 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-11-23	
28422	§	7/1/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	3/12/56	Double Island Beach, Queensland, 26 deg. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1750 m.	N.W. A: 0-11-26	
28489	§	7/1/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	12/11/56	Rottnest Island, West Australia; 32 deg. 30 m. S - 115 deg. 30 m. E.	
	D	3900 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-11-5	
28605	§	10/1/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	7/4/56	Seal Rocks Beach, N.S.W., 32 deg. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1700 m.	N.W. A: 0-3-28	
28610	§	10/1/56	Horuhoru. Adult.	P.A.S.S.
	○	10/1/57	Where ringed. A: 1-0-0	
28702	§	20/1/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	3/11/56	Port Macquarie, N.S.W., 31 deg. 30 m. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1650 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-10-14	
28936	§	21/1/56	Bush Island. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	18/8/56	100 m. north of Brisbane, Queensland, 26 deg. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1750 m.	N.W. A: 0-6-28	
35218	§	22-23/1/57	Cape Kidnappers. Juv.	K.W.
	+	8/3/57	Crescent Head, N.S.W.	
	D	1600 approx.	W.N.W. A: 0-2-17	
35542	§	24/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	25/3/57	Cronulla Beach, N.S.W., 34 deg S - 151 deg. E.	
	D	1650 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-3-1	
35574	§	24/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	†	9/2/57	Port Kembla, N.S.W., 34 deg. S - 151 deg. E.	
	D	1650 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-1-16	
35595	§	24/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	23/3/57	Shelly Beach, near Thames.	
	D	36 m.	S.S.E. A: 0-2-27	
35652	§	29/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	23/2/57	Waiheke Island.	
	D	9 m.	S.W. A: 0-1-26	
35752	§	29/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	1/1/57	Amodeo Bay, near Coromandel.	
	D	16 m.	N.E. A: 0-0-3	

35753	§	24/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	20/1/57	Pelican Point, N.S.W., 33 deg. S - 151 deg. E.	
	D	1600 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-0-27	
35757	§	29/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	25/3/57	South of Sydney, N.S.W., 33 deg. 30 m. S - 151 deg. E.	
	D	1650 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-2-28	
35800	§	29/12/56	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	5/2/57	Port Kembla, N.S.W., 34 deg. S - 151 deg. E.	
	D	1650 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-1-8	
35968	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	16/3/57	Red Bluff, Victoria, 38 deg. S - 148 deg. E.	
	D	1900 m.	W. A: 0-2-8	
35971	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	24/2/57	Brighton Beach, Melbourne, Victoria, 38 deg. S - 145 deg. E.	
	D	2050 m.	W. A: 0-1-16	
35975	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	6/2/57	Double Island Point, Queensland, 26 deg. S - 153 deg. E.	
	D	1750 m.	N.W. A: 0-0-29	
35988	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	6/3/57	Shellharbour, N.S.W., 38 deg. S - 150 deg. E.	
	D	1700 m.	W. A: 0-1-26	
36005	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	15/2/57	Near Warkworth.	
	D	40 m.	N.N.W. A: 0-1-7	
36019	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	21/3/57	Newcastle Beach, N.S.W., 33 deg. S - 152 deg. E.	
	D	1600 m.	W.N.W. A: 0-2-13	
36074	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	13/2/57	Island Beach, N.S.W., 35 deg. S - 150 deg. E.	
	D	1700 m.	W. A: 0-1-5	
36075	§	8/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	6/3/57	Tabourie Beach, N.S.W., 35 deg. S - 150 deg. 30 m. E.	
	D	1700 m.	W. A: 0-1-26	
36121	§	10/1/57	Horuhoru. Juv.	P.A.S.S.
	+	26/1/57	Auckland.	
	D	30 m.	W. A: 0-0-16	

BLACK SWAN (*Cygnus atratus*)

Ten of the 161 swans ringed at Lake Ellesmere in January 1955 have been recovered this year. All of them have been shot on or around Lake Ellesmere during this year's shooting season.

AUSTRALASIAN HARRIER (*Circus approximans*)

One harrier ringed as an adult in June 1952 at Hynish, Hawke's Bay, was shot only a few miles away at Tikokino on 24/11/56.

13963	§	26/12/55	Pakowai, Hawke's Bay. Nestling.	N. B. Mack
			35 deg. 35 m. S - 176 deg. 52 m. E.	
	‡	April 1956	Near Clive, 39 deg. 35 m. S - 176 deg. 55 m. E.	
	D	4 m.	E. A: 0-4-approx.	
13966	§	6/5/56	Pakowai, Hawke's Bay. First year.	N. B. Mack
	‡	18/6/56	Taradale, 39 deg. 32 m. S - 176 deg. 50 m. E.	
	D	4 m.	N.N.E. A: 0-1-12	
22812	§	31/5/54	Awatea Station, Hawke's Bay. Juv.	J.S.W.
			39 deg. 40 m. S - 176 deg. 37 m. E.	
			Found in exhausted state 4/2/57 near Marton, 40 deg. 05 m. S - 175 deg. 23 m. E.	
	D	75 m.	S.W.	

Taken to Wanganui, 39 deg. 55 m. S - 175 deg. 02 m. E, and liberated there 5/2/57.

	+	13/3/57	Near Marton.	
	D	20 m. S.E. A:	2-9-13	
22816	§	2/6/54	Awatea Station, Hawke's Bay. Juv.	J.S.W.
	+	16/5/56	Near Masterton, 41 deg. S - 175 deg. 40 m. E.	
	D	126 m. S.S.E. A:	1-11-14	
27007	§	13/4/55	Awatea Station, Hawke's Bay. Juv.	J.S.W.
	+	12/2/57	Tikokino, 39 deg. 50 m. S - 176 deg. 27 m. E.	
	D	15 m. S.E. A:	1-9-30	
27010	§	16/4/55	Awatea Station. Adult.	J.S.W.
	+	10/5/56	Mangototara, 40 deg. S - 176 deg. 38 m. E.	
	D	25 m. S. A:	1-0-24	

NOTORNIS (*Notornis mantelli*)

Of the 30 Notornis ringed in Takahē Valley and Point Burn during 1952, 1954, 1955 and 1957, 15 were seen again where ringed from within a few months to over 4 years after ringing.

SOUTHERN BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus dominicanus*)

Thirty-nine Black-backed Gulls were recovered this year, 36 of which were ringed on the Rangitoto Island colony, 1 in Bluff Harbour, and 2 on Baring Heads, near Wellington.

Recoveries from Rangitoto Island

Thirty in their first year, of which 3 were found dead on Rangitoto Island, 3 were found injured and presumably died, and 24 were found dead in Auckland or suburbs. Two in their second year, of which 1 was found dead on Rangitoto Island, and the other on Takapūna Beach, Auckland. One in its third year was caught off King's Wharf, Auckland, on a fishing line and released, and one in its fourth year was found dead on an Auckland beach.

An interesting and hitherto unexplained matter is the recovery of 3 rings placed on gulls in December 1952, 1953 and 1954 which were found in the colony - 2 (14939 and 22918) in December 1955 and 1 (26427) in December 1956. The rings were half opened, and well worn, and polished from the inside, proving that the birds must have worn them for at least one year. The rings must have opened up through some internal stresses in the metal, which caused them to slip off the bird's leg.

Recoveries from Baring Heads (Wellington)

One gull in its second year was caught tangled up in a fishing line in Wellington Harbour and released, and one in its third year was seen several times feeding in the back yard of a house in Melrose (Wellington).

Recovery from Bluff Harbour

13610	§	27/12/52	Tikore Island, Bluff Harbour. Juv.	O.S.
			46 deg. 34 m. S - 168 deg. 20 m. E.	
	+	29/8/56	Near Gore, 46 deg. 05 m. S - 168 deg. 55 m. E.	
	D	45 m. N.E. A:	3-8-2	

RED-BILLED GULL (*Larus novaehollandiae scopulinus*)

The only recovered Red-billed Gull this year was a bird ringed as a fledgling at Lake Grassmere in December 1956 and found dead where ringed only three weeks later.

BLACK-BILLED GULL (*Larus bulleri*)

Five of the nine Black-billed Gulls, all ringed as fledglings on the Ashley River, were found dead where ringed only a week or two after ringing.

The remaining 4 recoveries see below.

21577	§	29/11/55	Ashley River, 43 deg. 17 m. S - 172 deg. 40 m. E.	
			Juv.	W.C.C.
	+	10/9/56	Pareora, 44 deg. 29 m. S - 171 deg. 11 m. E.	
	D	115 m. S.W. A:	0-9-12	
21597	§	29/11/55	Ashley River. Juv.	W.C.C.
	+	2/2/56	Oxford, 43 deg. 18 m. S - 172 deg. 12 m. E.	
	D	24 m. W. A:	0-2-4	

- 21524 § 20/11/55 Ashley River. Juv. W.C.C.
 + 5/9/56 Kaiapoi, 43 deg. 23 m. S - 172 deg. 38 m. E.
 D 7 m. S. A: 0-9-16
- 37609 § 10/11/56 Ashley River. Juv. W.C.C.
 + 16/12/56 Waikuku Beach,
 43 deg. 17 m. S - 172 deg. 44 m. E.
 D 2 m. E. A: 0-1-6

CASPIAN TERN (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Five Caspian Terns ringed as fledglings at South Kaipara Heads have been recovered this year. Three ringed in December 1956 were found dead where ringed within 1 month.

- 12695 § 12/12/54 South Kaipara Heads. Juv. M.A.W.
 36 deg. 26 m. S - 174 deg. 13 m. E.
 + 10/7/56 Muriwai Stream,
 36 deg. 50 m. S - 174 deg. 25 m. E.
 D 30 m. S.W. A: 1-6-28
- 30138 § 30/12/55 South Kaipara Heads. Juv. M.A.W.
 + 30/1/57 Near Pollok, Manukau Harbour,
 37 deg. 10 m. S - 174 deg. 40 m. E.
 D 50 m. S.W. A: 1-1-0

KEA (*Nestor notabilis*)

One Kea ringed 3 September 1956 on Arthur's Pass was found dead at roadside near place where ringed on 29 January 1957. Probably hit by car.

SONG THRUSH (*Turdus ericetorum*)

Seven Thrushes, all ringed in Lower Hutt, were recovered in Lower Hutt. Four were retrapped and released, where ringed; 2 were killed by cats, and 1 struck a window and died. Six birds were recovered within 1 year from ringing. No. 23421, ringed on 6/8/55, was already recorded in last year's report, but was retrapped and released again on 8/10/56, i.e. 1 year 6 months after ringing, and is therefore again included in this year's report.

BLACKBIRD (*Turdus merula*)

Forty-three of the Blackbirds recovered this year were originally ringed in Lower Hutt.

Twenty-six of the above were retrapped and released, where ringed, within 1 year from ringing. Several of these were retrapped and released more than once, and one, 20531, was retrapped at varying intervals and 9 times between 8/4/56 (date of ringing) and 3/2/57 (last time released).

Eight birds were found dead within 1 year of ringing in Lower Hutt; 3 of these were caught by cats, 2 were hit by cars, and 3 were found dead from unknown causes. The 9 remaining see below.

- 18065 § 1/8/53 Lower Hutt. Juv. male. P.C.B.
 † 25/11/56)
 † 8/12/56) Where ringed. A: 3-4-7
- 18073 § 2/11/53 Lower Hutt. Juv. female. P.C.B.
 + 7/12/56 Lower Hutt. A: 3-1-5
- 20515 § 23/2/56 Lower Hutt. Juv. female. P.C.B.
 + 3/5/56 Lowry Bay
 D 3 m. S.S.E. A: 0-2-10
- 21012 § 11/1/54 Lower Hutt. Adult male. P.C.B.
 † 26/11/56 Where ringed. A: 2-10-10
- 21047 § 25/7/54 Lower Hutt. Adult female. P.C.B.
 † 1/8/54)
 † 20/11/54)
 † 4/12/54)
 † 22/10/56) Where ringed. A: 2-2-27
- 24940 § 10/4/55 Lower Hutt. Juv. male. P.C.B.
 † 26/6/55)
 † 9/7/55)
 † 2/10/55)
 † 29/9/56)
 † 8/12/56) Where ringed. A: 1-7-28

- 24954 § 3/7/55 Lower Hutt. Juv. female. P.C.B.
 + 7/5/56 Wainui-o-Mata.
 D 5 m. S.E. A: 0-10-0
- 24957 § 31/7/55 Lower Hutt. Adult female. P.C.B.
 † 8/8/55)
 † 30/10/55)
 † 12/11/55)
 † 29/7/56) Where ringed. A: 0-11-29
- 24964 § 24/10/55 Lower Hutt. Juv. male. P.C.B.
 † 26/11/56 Where ringed. A: 1-1-2

Five Blackbirds ringed in Khandallah, Wellington, were recovered this year. Three of these were found dead in the vicinity of where ringed, and 1 bird was seen where ringed.

- 24250 § 27/8/55 Khandallah. Adult male. S.S.McD.
 § 30/3/56)
 † 11/11/56) Where ringed. A: 1-2-15

HEDGE SPARROW (*Prunella modularis occidentalis*)

One Hedge Sparrow only was recovered this year, and was caught by a cat not far away from where ringed 4 months after ringing.

SILVEREYE (*Zosterops lateralis*)

Sixty-one of the recovered Silvereyes were originally ringed in New Plymouth.

Two of the above were killed by cats, and 1 found dead within 1 month after ringing. Forty-seven were retrapped and released from only a few days to within 2 months after ringing.

The most spectacular recovery, because of its age, is the following:

- Marked ring § August 1953, New Plymouth. D.M.
 † 28/7/56 Where ringed. A: 2-11-x. I.e., this is the
 oldest Silvereye recovered to date.

Four Silvereyes ringed in Lower Hutt were retrapped and released within 3 weeks of ringing.

STARLING (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

Two starlings were recovered this year, one of which was trapped (it fell down a chimney into the living room of a house) in vicinity of ringing station nine months after ringing, and was released. The second:

- 20664 § 29/1/55 Karori, Wellington. Adult. H.S.
 + 21/9/56 Brooklyn, Wellington.
 D 2 m. A: 1-7-22

BIRDS RINGED OVERSEAS AND RECORDED IN NEW ZEALAND (Extracted from 'Second Annual Report of the Australian Bird-Banding Scheme July 1955 - June 1956')

Two Giant Petrels ringed on Heard Island and Macquarie Island respectively were caught in New Zealand and released.

- 130-01028 § 7/2/55 Heard Island. Juv.
 † 19/10/55 Castle Point.
 D 4700 m. E. A: 0-8-17
- 130-09001 § 31/1/56 Macquarie Island, Juv.
 † 24/4/56 25 m. S. of Timaru.
 D 450 m. N.E. A: 0-2-24

EXTRACT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

At Annual Meetings during my term of office as President I have drawn attention to the rights, duties and interests of, firstly, the members and, secondly, the regional organisers. At this meeting I will say a little about the Council. Members of Council are drawn from the ranks of the Society in accordance with democratic principles. They do not and must not expect to be treated as members of a leading upper class, but rather as working foremen, ready to give extra time, effort and money for the good of the whole body and its cause. The time and effort required of those in the busier executive posts are indeed a very large contribution, the extent of which can hardly be realised by those who have not had the joys and sorrows of such experience,