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REPORT ON TRAPPING AND RINGING WORK ON THE WHITE-EYE *Zosterops lateralis* THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION.

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The White-eye, *Zosterops lateralis*, was selected some time ago as a species for special study largely because it is so common in most districts that it is available to all members. Being common in gardens and easily attracted by putting out food, it is a species which may readily be trapped, and several workers have made use of numbered rings in studying it. The present report deals principally with their activities.

The various trapping and ringing stations established by members have been in operation in some cases for several successive years. The rings are made of aluminium, usually from selo film cases, with a number and perhaps the initial of the worker scratched on them, or in many cases stamped with the words "Return Otago Univ." and a number. Some workers have made extensive use of coloured rings for sight identification. Some have studied the weights, measurements, colour variations, etc., of the birds as they handled them, but most of the reports deal only with retrapped birds. The following reports, taken in order from north to south, on the various trapping stations, are summaries of the data sent in by the operators and indicate the extent of the work up to the present. No doubt, as the data accumulate, the workers will be able to give detailed accounts and draw conclusions from their records. Military duties have interrupted the work in several cases. It is hoped to publish later a number of general notes on the White-eye for which there is no space in this report.

Mangere, Auckland (P. C. Bull and Miss Thomas).—Trapping carried out from 1940-43. 40 birds were ringed in 1940, of which 5 were retrapped in 1941, 8 in 1942 and 2 in 1943. 19 were ringed in 1941, of which 8 were retrapped in 1942 and 1 in 1943. 182 birds were ringed in 1942, of which 22 were retrapped the following year and 59 were ringed in 1943. Of 281 birds taken, 183 were trapped only once. One bird last trapped in September, 1942, was found dead in July, 1943, four miles from the point of ringing.