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## MEASUREMENTS OF BIRDS.

(By L. Gurr, Department of Zoology, University of Otago.)

This paper on the measurements of birds has been written with the hope that it may stimulate the interest of the members of the society in this aspect of ornithology, the taxonomic import of which is obvious. Further, it is hoped that by the publication of this standard set of measurements, which must form the basis of any work of this type, whatever bird is studied, some degree of uniformity will be obtained in the measurements taken by the various workers in this field in New Zealand. Unless all workers use the same methods comparisons of measurements are useless and can only lead to erroneous conclusions being formed.

All methods given are those recommended by Baldwin, Oberholser and Worley, whose excellent book on this subject should be referred to by anyone requiring to take measurements of special structures or types