

ANNUAL REPORT: BIRDS NZ MOULT LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31
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This is my first report in this role and I'm still getting my head around all the work to be completed.

I have made contact with Micah Scholer, the previous officer holder and introduced myself. Micah still has all the hard copies of historic data that he would like to pass over to me. Micah also has the electronic database which he wishes to transfer to me at some point.

The highlight of the year was attending the online Moulting Workshop held in February this year. Ably convened by Paul Fisher and team based in Nelson this workshop was a significant achievement for the scheme and for raising the profile of the scheme and the priority for completing and submitting moulting records for Birds in New Zealand. One of the highlights for me was the perspectives brought to the workshop by Dr Santiago Guallar, Collaborator at the Museum of Natural Sciences, Barcelona, Spain. His contributions really highlighted the need to promote the scheme and to make recording of moulting a priority when handling birds. The workshop was reported on by both Michelle Bradshaw and Ian Armitage in the March 2025 *Birds New Zealand*.

I think my priorities for the next year are:

- Complete the handover of the electronic data and the hard cards from Micah Scholer
- Undertake an assessment of the required actions to set up a full electronic database of the scheme.
- Promote the scheme with articles and presentations to field workers to generate interest in the scheme.

Feedback on these is welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Auckland in June.

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