

SHORT NOTE

Corrected publication dates for *Notornis* to Volume 72, 2025

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Notornis is the scientific journal of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand, and has been published quarterly since July 1950 (Volume 4, Part 1). The numbering sequence continued on from *New Zealand Bird Notes* (originally *N.Z. Bird Notes*), which was first published in January 1943 (Heather 1990). Each issue has the target publication date (henceforth ‘target date’) displayed on the front cover. Target date months were inconsistent initially, until January, April, July, and October were settled on in 1947; these were changed to March, June, September, and December in 1960.

Until 1994, the target date was often (but not always) the only date shown on or in each issue. Individual articles have displayed the dates that they were received and accepted (inconsistently initially) since 1995. In addition to reception and acceptance dates of manuscripts, the publication date for each issue was routinely displayed on the inside front cover or on front or end pages from 1946 until April 1955, and again since 2000. As there has been no centralised record of when each issue was actually published, the latest internal date (henceforth ‘evident date’) within each issue is here regarded as a proxy for the actual publication date.

Notornis issues were published later than their target date on at least 24 occasions between 1960 and 2025 (Table 1). No issues are known to have been published before their target date. On 11 occasions, an issue was published in the year following the year specified in the target date; the affected issues are highlighted in Table 1. In the most extreme case (Volume 54, Part 4), publication was delayed by a full 12 months, with the four adjacent issues each delayed by 9–11 months.

Table 1. *Notornis* issues known to have been published after their target publication date. Issues that were published in the year following their target year are shown in bold and shaded.

Volume, Part	Target date	Evident date	Delay (months)
9, 1	Jun 1960	Jul 1960	1
45, 3	Sep 1998	Oct 1998	1
54, 2	Jun 2007	May 2008	11
54, 3	Sep 2007	Jul 2008	10
54, 4	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	12
55, 1	Mar 2008	Dec 2008	9
55, 2	Jun 2008	Mar 2009	9
55, 3	Sep 2008	Mar 2009	6
55, 4	Dec 2008	Jul 2009	7
56, 1	Mar 2009	Oct 2009	7
56, 2	Jun 2009	Nov 2009	5
56, 3	Sep 2009	Jan 2010	4
56, 4	Dec 2009	Mar 2010	3
57, 1	Mar 2010	Jun 2010	3
57, 2	Jun 2010	Oct 2010	4
57, 3	Sep 2010	Dec 2010	3
57, 4	Dec 2010	Apr 2011	4
58, 1	Mar 2011	Aug 2011	5
58, 2	Jun 2011	Oct 2011	4
58, 3&4	Sep & Dec 2011	Feb 2012	2
71, 1	Mar 2024	May 2024	2
71, 2	Jun 2024	Aug 2024	2
71, 3	Sep 2024	Dec 2024	3
71, 4	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	1

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The publication year for the 120 articles contained in these 11 'year-delayed' issues conflicts with the date given in the recommended citations provided at the time of publication (for the 50 full papers) and the target date on the cover of the issue that they appeared in. As a result, these articles are routinely cited with incorrect publication dates. For example, eight of the articles are cited with incorrect publication years in the current *Checklist of the birds of New Zealand* (Checklist Committee 2024). Corrected publication dates for the 120 affected articles are provided in the Appendix, and have been updated in the Birds New Zealand online Publications Archive (<https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/publications/>). Users of the online archive should note that the landing page for each affected article now displays the correct publication year; however, the pdfs that the landing pages link to remain as they were originally published, with the (incorrect) target year in the recommended citation for each full paper.

A particularly important impact of an incorrect publication date is where it effects the apparent publication date of a new scientific name. This happened on a single occasion in the 11 'year-delayed' *Notornis* issues, with the paper describing *Coenocorypha aucklandica perseverance* Miskelly & Baker appearing in Volume 56 Part 3 (target date = September 2009, evident date = January 2010). The correct publication date for the taxon name was clarified in Volume 57 Part 1 (Miskelly & Baker 2010a & b).

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Appendix

Notornis articles that were originally published with incorrect year dates. Corrected publication dates are shown here. All were published between 2008 and 2025.

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