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## Rare Birds Committee - 6 monthly report

The following sightings have been accepted by the Committee since preparation of the report in *Southern Bird* 6: 8-10:

**UBR 10B/01** - Report from Jim Moore of up to 2 **Japanese Snipe** seen at Manawatu Estuary on various dates between 27 January and 26 March 2001. No doubt these are the same Japanese Snipe to which **UBRS 10/01, 10A/01 and 51/01** refer.

**UBR 36/01** - Report from Nick Allen of single **Red-necked Phalarope** seen by himself, Ron Nilsson, Shannon Lloyd and Bev Alexander at Kaitorete Spit, Lake Ellesmere on 16 December 2000.

**UBR 46/01** - Report and photographs from Jan Walker of single **Broad-billed Sandpiper** seen by herself, Colin Hill, Sheila Petch and others at Lake Ellesmere between 18 January & 27 February 2001.

**UBR 47/01** - Report and photograph from Barry Hartley of single **Black Stilt** seen at Mokau Estuary between 15 March & 7 May 2001.

**UBR 48/01** - Report and photographs from Colin Hill of single **Long-toed Stint** seen at Lake Ellesmere on 6, 7 & 16 December 2000. This is the **second accepted New Zealand record** of the species. The first accepted record was **UBR 98/13** in which Colin Hill was also involved.

**UBR 49/01** - Report from Marion Macbeth of single **Australasian Little Grebe** seen at The Groynes Recreation Area, Christchurch on 3 occasions between 15 & 20 June 2000.

**UBR 50/01** - Report from Tony Wilson of single **Wilson's Storm Petrel** seen off Kaikoura on 30 November 1998.

**UBR 51/01** - Report from Tony Wilson of 2 **Japanese Snipe** seen at Manawatu Estuary on 10 March 2001.

**UBR 52/01** - Report from Tony Wilson of single **Asiatic Dowitcher** seen at Maketu Estuary on 25 November 1998.

**UBR 53/01** - Report from Tony Crocker of single **Australasian Little Grebe** seen by himself and others at Otautu Bay, Lake Rotoehu on 2 June 2001.

**UBR 54/01** - Report from Colin Miskelly of partial albino **Red-billed Gull** seen by himself and others at main Chatham Island on 28 April & 12 May 2001.

**UBR 55/01** - Report from Colin Miskelly of single **Yellow-nosed Albatross** seen by himself and Mike Thorsen from the coast of Rangatira/South East Island on 1 May 2001.

**UBR 56/01** - Report from Lloyd Esler of single **Oriental Cuckoo** seen at Queens Park, Invercargill on 25 April 1998.

**UBR 57/01** - Report from Lloyd Esler of single **Large Sand Dotterel** seen at Awarua Bay on 8 January 2001.

**UBR 58/01** - Report from Jim Moore of single **Chestnut Teal** seen at Manawatu Estuary on 14 April & 5 May 2001.

**UBR 59/01** - Report from Jim Moore of 2 **Brown Skuas** seen just offshore at Foxton Beach on 29 October 2000.

**UBR 60/01** - Report from Jim Moore of single **Little Egret(s)** seen at Manawatu Estuary on various dates between 13 April & 6 May 2001. These sightings probably relate to the same individual which Jim Moore saw again at Manawatu Estuary on 27 July 2001 and at Foxton No.1 Lake the following day.

**UBR 61/01** - Report from Colin Miskelly of single immature **Fiordland Crested Penguin** seen and photographed by Barry Styles at Wairaka Scenic Reserve (south of Pukerua Bay, Wellington) on 15 January 2001.

**UBR 62/01** - Report from Shawn Loewen of single **Little Egret** seen by himself, Colleen McKerrow & Brian Jones at Jordan's Farm, Kaipara Harbour on 23 June 2001.

**UBR 63/01** - Report and photographs from Barry Hartley of 4 **Fairy Martins** seen with Welcome Swallows at Pungaereere Stream, Rahotu on 5 September 2001.

**UBR 64/01** - Report from Philip Crutchley of single **Cape Barren Goose** seen between Sutherlands and Cave, South Canterbury on 3 September 2001.

**UBR 65/01** - Report from Nick Allen of single **Cape Barren Goose** seen at Waikuku between 3 August & 19 September 2001.

**UBR 66/01** - Report and photographs from Peter & Julie Fryer of single **Siberian (Grey-tailed) Tattler** seen at the Waiongana River mouth near New Plymouth on various occasions between 8 October & 7 November 2000.

**UBR 69/01** - Report from Brent Stephenson of single **Siberian (Grey-tailed) Tattler** seen at Ahuriri Estuary, Napier on 17 September 2001.

**UBR 71/01** - Report and photographs from Graeme Taylor and Colin Miskelly of **Erect-crested Penguin** ashore at Whirinaiki Bluff area, north of Napier, in late March 2001.

The following sighting has **not been accepted** by the Committee:

**UBR 45/01**- Report from Stuart Nicholson of suspected **Baird's Sandpiper** seen at Awarua Bay, Southland on 8 January 2001.

The following reports were **still under consideration** by the Committee at the time of writing:

**UBR 39/01** - Report from David Roberts of suspected **frigatebird** seen at Mangere, Chatham Islands on 27 January 2001.

**UBR 67/01** - Report from Stuart Nicholson of suspected **Asiatic Dowitcher** seen at Tamaki Estuary on 8 August 2001.

**UBR 68/01** - Report from Stuart Nicholson of suspected **Mongolian Dotterel** seen at Farewell Spit on 26 January 2000.

**UBR 70/01** - Report from Peter Fryer of suspected **White-eyed Duck** seen at New Plymouth on 31 October 2001.

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*Broad-billed Sandpiper, Manawatu Estuary 9/3/92*

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