

CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES, NORTH ISLAND, 1 JULY 2002 TO 30 JUNE 2003

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Abbreviations: ad/s adult/s; ARC Auckland Regional Council; asl above sea level; B Beach; CA Conservation Area; c/b colour banded; cen census; ch/s chick/s; Ck Creek; DoC Dept. of Conservation; E Estuary; ER Ecological Reserve; F Forest; FP Forest Park; GBI Great Barrier Island; GC Golf Course; H Harbour; Hd Head; HQ Head Quarters; imm/s immature/s; I/s Island/s; juv/s juvenile/s; km/s kilometre/s; Lag Lagoon; L Lake; max maximum; min minimum; ml/s mile/s; Mt Mount; NP National Park; No/s. number/s; nth north; pr/s pair/s; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; Q Quarry; Rd Road; Res Reserve; R River; RM River mouth; RP regional park; sth south; sp species; SP sewage ponds/oxidation ponds; SR Scenic Reserve; Stm Stream; V Valley; W West.

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NI brown kiwi *Apteryx australis mantelli* [VP] L Okataina Rd; at least 12 calling on 23/4 (MSn). Waimarino F; 45 (15 prs, 15 singles) on 3/3 & 3/4 (KO). [T] Panirau F; 3 heard on 3/2 (BAH). Pohokura; 3 on 23/3 (SES).

NZ dabchick *Polioccephalus rufopectus* [FN] L Owhareiti, Pakaraka; 2 on 29/5 (AJG). [A] Burma Rd dam, Tapora; 2

on 18/5, 1st record for this site (GAP,AGG). Sth Kaipara Lakes; 54 ads & 3 juvs on 25/4 (OSNZ cen). Fordyce Rd ponds, Parakai; 2 ads & 1 juv on 16/11, 1st record for this site (TW). Bethell's swamp; 2 ads & 1 juv on 16/11 (GAP,JLS). Rosedale SP; max 8 in Feb-Mar (GLD). Western Springs, Auckland; 3 ads & 2 juvs on 28/07 (GAP,JLS). [VP] L Ngahewa; 4 on 26/10 (MSn). L Rotoehu; 30 on 8/10 (AS&JMR). [G/W] Maungapoiki; 6 on farm lakes on 21/5 (GAF,REF). [T] Rotomanu L, New Plymouth; 1 on 30/6 (BAH,IHD). Mangamahoe L; 2 on 8/5 (MM). Inglewood SP; 2 on 14/6 (BAH,PJF,WM). Rotokare L; max 2 from 15/9-24/6, 1st record here. Herengawe L; 4 on 3/6 (BAH). [M] Present at Pukepoke Lag, L Horowhenua, bred at L Omanu & Foxton No 2 L. L Omanu; max 15 on 16/11 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 17 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). L Runanga; c18 on 14/7 (OSNZ). [Wr] L Wairarapa; 31 on 24/6 (CC).

Australasian little grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* [FN] L Owhareiti, Pakaraka; 1 on 29/5 (AJG). [N] Kioreora Rd SP, Whangarei; pr 1st seen Dec 01 breeding, still present June 03 (DBE). [A] Tauhoa farm pond; 1 on 15-16/7, 1st record for this site (GAP,C,AGG). Sth Kaipara Lakes; 39 ads & 2 juvs on 25/4 (OSNZ cen). Fordyce Rd ponds, Parakai; 2 ads & 1 juv on 16/11, 1st record for this site (TW). Rosedale SP, Nth Shore; 1 on 20/11, 2/12 & 17/2 UBR 65/03. Mt Wellington Q; 1 on 14/10 & 22/10 UBR 64/03 (GLD). [VP] L Rotoehu; 2 ads, 1 juv on 28/10 UBR 83/03 (MSn).

Black-browed mollymawk *Diomedea melanophrys* [W] Sinclair Head; 1 on 3/8 (MSn).

NZ white-capped mollymawk *Diomedea cauta steadi* [T] Puketapu, Pihama; 1 on 9/11 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; 2 on 16/5 probably this subspecies (JL&MM).

Buller's mollymawk *Diomedea bulleri* [FN] Rosemary Rock, Princes Is, Three Kings Is; 12 large chs sitting on pedestal nests, 6 other empty nests looked recently used (fledged?), 1 ad seen flying around on 20/3/02 (GRP).

Fluttering shearwater *Puffinus gavia* [T] Waiongana E; 100's offshore on 8/2, 1000's on 15-16/2 (PJF). Sugar Loaf Is; 100's on 2/2 (BAH). Oakura; 100's on 16/2 & 14/3 (PJF). Oaonui; 150 on 15/4 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; 2000 per h passing on 16/2 & 5/3 (JL&MM). [W] Wellington H; present all months except Dec & Apr, max c100 on 10/9 (ARM), 140+ on 14/9, 200+ on 28/9 at Chaffers Marina (JWL).

Common diving petrel *Pelacanoides urinatrix* [A] Great Barrier I-Mokohinau Is; 22 seen on 2/12 (ESK). [W] Mana I; 11 probably on eggs on 8/10, 14 chs on 23/11 (CMM).

Black petrel *Procellaria parkinsoni* [M] Foxton B; 2 on 19/4, 1 on 20/4 (JL&MM).

Cape pigeon *Daption capense* [W] Wellington H; 1 in Oriental Bay on 4/10 (R&DB).

Northern giant petrel *Macronectes halli* [W] Matiu/Somes I; 1 juv 3-4 miles offshore in Nov (RNC).

Southern giant petrel *Macronectes giganteus* [A] Great Barrier I; 1 bird 5.5 miles off Miner's Hd on 2/12 (ESK). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 20/10, died on 22/10 (PJF).

Giant petrel *Macronectes* sp.

[T] Waiongana E; 1 juv on 30/9, died on 2/10 (PJF). Cape Egmont; 1 on 6/10 (BAH). [M] Foxton B; 1 on 22/

9 (IS), 1 on 20/4 & 2 on 16/6 (JL&MM). [W] Wellington H; 1 on 15/1 (ORH), 1 at Days Bay-Marina Bay on 18/1 (EAG).

Pycroft's petrel *Pterodroma pycrofti* [BP] Whakatane; 1 on 5/4 (RT).

Black-winged petrel *Pterodroma nigripennis* [G/W] Portland I; 225 burrows showing signs of occupancy on 17/1 (GAF,REF).

Grey-faced petrel *Pterodroma macroptera gouldi* [T] Rapanui; 50+ at breeding site on 4/8 (BAH,DGM,PJF).

Blue penguin *Eudyptula minor* [T] Tongaporutu E; pr nesting on 10/10 (BAH).

Fiordland crested penguin *Eudyptes pachyrhynchus* [W] Wharekoku Pt, Kapiti I; 1 on 23/11 UBR 77/02 (C Howell & C Edkins per CMM).

Brown booby *Sula leucogaster* [FN] Houhora H; 1 on 7/8 UBR 65/02 (VH).

Australasian gannet *Morus serrator* [N] Ruakaka E; c92 on 20/8 (PMC,PRS). [A] Maori Rock, Mokohinau Is; c500 active nests on 2/12 (ESK). [M] Foxton B; max 15 on 22/9 (IS). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; seen every month, max 3 on 29/8, 9/9, 21/10 & 21/1 (ARM).

Black shag *Phalacrocorax carbo* [A] Rosedale SP; max 12 on 28/5. Mt Wellington Q; max 6 on 14/10 (GLD). [HB] Ahuriri E; 27 on 16/11, 31 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 54 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

Pied shag *Phalacrocorax varius* [A] Tawharanui Pen; 14 ads, 4 juvs, nests not in use on 13/2 (SPC). Sth Kaipara H; 34 on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen). [Wk] Hamilton L; max 12 on 14/7 (BAF et al). Kawhia H; max 33 on 23/11. Raglan H; max 102 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [T] Awakino E; 1 from 21-27/7. Mokau E; 1 from 19/12 to 26/6 (BAH). Waiongana E; 1 on 24/5 (PJF). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 14/6 (BMS). [W] Makara; 10 nests on 1/8 (RPG). Shandon GC, Lower Hutt; small colony in July, Aug, Feb-June (ARM). Owhiro Bay; 1 on 21/6 (AJT).

Little black shag *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* [A] Rosedale SP; max 9 on 4/3 (GLD). Brown's I; 10 roosting on wharf on 30/8. Tahuna Torea, Tamaki E; c80 on 26/8 (ESK). [Wk] Hamilton L; 53 on 8/6 (AS&JMR). [G/W] Tiniroto Lakes; 14 on 29/9 (GAF,REF). Wairoa RM; 1 disgorging small flounder at demand of Black-backed gull on 10/2 (PDC). [T] Waiongana E; max 17 on 19/4 (PJF). Waiau L, Opunake; 17 on 28/2 (BAH). [HB] Ahuriri E; 28 on 16/11. Tukituki E; 150 on 16/11, 28 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 21 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Pauatahanui Inlet; 67 on 17/8 (MSn). Wellington H; >20 at Petone on 1/8 (ORH). Petone-Ngauranga; max nos. in winter, max 40 on 12/7, 20/8 & 27/5 (ARM).

Little shag *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos brevirostris* [A] Christian B, Tawharanui Pen; 1 caught eel c300mm in lake behind beach. Took eel ashore, killed and ate it 8/12 (ESK). [Wk] Raglan H; max 24 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [HB] Ahuriri E; 50 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [W] Petone-Ngauranga; max nos. in winter, max 24 on 23/4, 16/6 & 26/6 (ARM).

NZ king shag *Leucocarbo carunculatus* [W] Worser Bay-Seatoun, Wellington H; 1 probable on 14/7 UBR 54/02 (BDB), 1 further unconfirmed sighting (RNC), probably 1st record for region and North Island (JWL).

Spotted shag *Sticticarbo punctatus* [A] Waiheke I; 28 active nests in main colony at Hook's B, another 8 nests in Anita Bay, all with chs 13/11. Te Wharau B, c200 feeding with Fluttering shearwaters & White fronted terns on 29/3. Apuapu B, Ponui I; c20 roosting on Kauri Pt on

28/3 (ESK). Home B, Motutapu I; 4 on 27/3 (LMA). [HB] Ahuriri E; 2 on 14/6 (BMS), not recorded here before (MT). East Clive; 30 on 3/8 (BMT). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; seen all months except Aug, max 6 on 6/1 & 10/2 (ARM).

White-faced heron *Ardea novaehollandiae* [N] Whangarei H; 22 on 23/11, 51 on 8/3, 62 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). [A] Hobson Bay; max 11 on 7/3 (GLD). Mangere SP; 171 on 2/3 (TW). [Wk] Kawhia H; 73 on 23/11 (OSNZ cen). [HB] Ahuriri E; 96 on 16/11, 48 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 23 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

White-necked heron *Ardea pacifica* [T] Toko district; 1 from 29/5 to 30/6 UBR 58/03 (DoC et al).

White heron *Egretta alba modesta* [FN] Paua, 1 on 25/5 (BN). [A] Kaipara H; 1 at Jordan's farm on 18/5 (GE,CE), 1 at Shelly B on 8/6 (MKT). [BP] Maketu E; 1 on 21/3 & 11/5 (TB). Waoitahi; 1 on 21/4 (NO). [G/W] Te Araroa; 1 on 15-17/9 (GAF,REF). [M] L Horowhenua; 1 on 28/7 (NMac). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 1/9, only sighting this year (M&PWT). [Wr] L Wairarapa; 1 on 2/4 (DS) & 29/5 (JL). Pirinoa; 1 on 8/5 (TCD). [W] Makara; 1 in stm on 24/4 (RS) & 25-26/4 (SES,RGP). Oriental Bay; 1 near Freyberg Pool on 29/4 (RGP).

Little egret *Egretta garzetta* [HB] Clive; 1 on 3/7, 29/10 & 9/11, UBR 16/03 (BMT,MJ).

Reef heron *Egretta sacra* [FN] Scott's Pt; 1 on 11/4 (GM). Kaimaumau; 2 on 24/3 (Sj). [A] Hadfield's B; 1 on 26/7 (CMck), 1st record here (ACR). Karekare B; 1 on 26/4 (ACR,AJR). [BP] Maketu E; 2 on 1/9 (TB). [G/W] Portland I; 2 on 19/1 (GAF,REF). [T] Waiongana E; max 2 on 31/8 (PJF). Sugar Loaf Is; 1 ad, 2 fledglings at nest on 4/1 (BAH). [Wr] Castlepoint; 1 on 22/12 (CES). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; 21 sightings in all months except July, Sept, max 2 on 22/1 & 26/6 (ARM,WAW). Sinclair Head; 1 on 3/8 (MSn).

Cattle egret *Bubulcus ibis* [FN] Waiharara; 40 on 6/7, 70 on 21/7, 52 on 8/6. Unahi; max 11 on 19/4 (AV&LH). [A] Haranui Rd, Kaipara H; max 7 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Evan's Rd, Sth Kaipara Hd; 15 on 2/10 (DMcL). Parakai; 5 on 25/4 (GAP,TW,ESL), down considerably since 60+ in mid 1990's (ACR). [Wk] L Ngaroto; 6 on 15/6 (PDC,LW). [BP] Maketu E; 9 on 1/9. Kaituna E; 1 on 15/12 (TB). [T] Waverley; 5 on 3/1 (DGM). [HB] Clive; 3 on 3/7 & 25/8, 2 on 10/10 (MJ,M&PWT). [Wr] Carterton; 2 on 29/5 (JD).

Australasian bittern *Botaurus poiciloptilus* [N] Kelly's Bay; 1 on 15/2 (TW). [A] Woodhill; 1 on 30/8 beside SH 16 (DAP). Kaipara Sth Hd Rd; 1 feeding in grass beside rd on 20/6 (MPG). Karekare; 1 in dune lakes on 2/1 (ACR). [Wk] L Ngaroto; 2 on 1/8 (BAW). Waikorea Stm; 1 on 22/2 (HJC). Ngatea; 1 on 10/5. Elstow Canal, Hauraki Plains; 1 on 12/5 (LB); 2 on 17/5 (AS&JMR). [VP] L Rotoaira; 1 on 20/9 (KO). [T] Herengawe L; 1 on 28/2 (BAH). Nowell's L, Hawera; 1 on 11/5 (OSNZ). [HB] Ahuriri E; 2 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 1 on 21/12 (JC). Taipo Stm; 1 on 23/12 (JC). East Clive; 1 on 3/4 (KVT) & 14/6. L Oinga; 2 on 10/8 (OSNZ).

Royal spoonbill *Platalea regia* [FN] Paua dam; 100 on 7/5. Paua; 164 on 11/5 (BN). Houhora H; 7 in July, 13 on 10/9 (VH). Unahi; 200 on 6/7, max 238 on 28/7, down to 90 on 6/10 & 3 Dec-Feb, 27 by 30/3, max 245 on 18/5 (AV&LH). Kerikeri Inlet; 8 on 7/10 (DRT). [N] Port Whangarei; 10 on 8/3 (AJB,OSNZ cen), 126 on 18/5

(KMH,GPP), 122 on 7/6. Waipu E; 7 on 16/7 (CLR,DRC), 4 on 23/11 (AJB,OSNZ cen). [A] Sandspit; 4 on 7/9 (SPC). Sth Kaipara H; 36 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Orewa E; 2 on 13/4 (DB). Western Springs; 3 on 22/9 (PH). Mangere SP; 25 on 2/3 (TW). [Wk] Kawhia H; max 44 on 14/6. Raglan H; max 30 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; max 32 on 24/8. Little Waihi; 7 on 6/2 (TB). Whakatane R; 3 on 19/4 (RT). [G/W] Waiapoa E; 17 on 23/9. Wairoa E; max 16 on 4/6 (GAF,REF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year, c20 in summer, c50 in winter, max 88 on 3/5 (JL&MM). Hokowhitu Lag; 1 from 28/4 to 1/5 (PBB et al). [HB] Ahuriri E; 34 on 31/8 (KVT), 5 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 2 on 4/1, 27 on 3/2, 38 on 11/2 & 55 on 21/4 (M&PWT). Tukituki E; 2 on 16/11 & 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Wanstead Lag; 1 on 21/2 & 5/3 (BMS). [Wr] Wairongomai Station, L Wairarapa; 16 on 10/2 (JL). L Onoke; 18 on 20/12 (CES). [W] Otaki RM; 9 on 20/3 (R&BD). Waikanae E; max 4 on 28/12. Pauatahanui Inlet; 9 on 17/8 (MSn), 7 on 4/10 (ACR). Porirua H; 4 on 25/2 (B Moore per CMM). Makara E; 1 on 21-22/11 (K Koopu per CMM).

Mute swan *Cygnus olor* [HB] L Oinga; 4 on 10/8 (OSNZ). **Black swan** *Cygnus atratus* [A] Rosedale SP; 132 on 5/9 (GLD). [Wk] Aotea H; max 299 on 23/11. Kawhia H; max 613 on 23/11 (OSNZ cen). [T] Waiongana E; max 4 on 11/12 (PJF). Mokau E; max 4 on 14/11 (BAH). Rotomanu L, New Plymouth; 1 on 30/6 (IHD,BAH). [M] L Omanu; 'only' 65 on 13/7. Manawatu E; 110 on 3/5 rising to 300+ on 31/5 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 252 on 16/11, 558 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 64 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

Canada goose *Branta canadensis* [FN] Paua dam; 100 on 7/5 (BN). D Ulrich Rd, Tokerau B; 75 on 5/3 (AJG). [A] Rosedale SP; max of 5 May-Mar (GLD). [G/W] Waipua RM; 53 on 6/2 (PDC). [M] Manawatu E; max 90 on 3/5. L Omanu; 220 on 27/7 (JL&MM). [HB] Porangahau E; 265 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

Cape Barren goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae* [W] Waikanae-Paraparau; 1 at airport on 20/5/01 UBR 43/03 (ARM,JAW); 1 at SP on 5/8 UBR 56/02 (B Abernathy per CMM); 1 at Greendale on 6/10 UBR 32/03 and 1 at Otaihanga on 29/6 UBR 66/03 (ARM,JAW).

Paradise shelduck *Tadorna variegata* [A] Rosedale SP; max 10 on 19/1 (GLD). [G/W] Te Puia Springs; 63 on 7/2 (PDC). [HB] Ahuriri E; 91 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Greytown SP; 600+ on 26/2, 300 on 7/3 (BB). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; seen regularly Oct-Feb, Apr-June, incl. 5 chs on 7/10 (ARM).

Chestnut-breasted shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* [VP] Waimangu; 1 male on 19/4 UBR 82/03 (TB). [W] Te Horo; 1 on 24/12 UBR 26/03 (ILA).

Blue duck *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus* [VP] Whirinaki R; 3 on farmland on 9/10 (RTa). Whirinaki FP; 7+ heard between 1-3/4 & 25/1 (NMc). Manganui O Te Ao R; 32 (highest census) between 3-9/10, 9 prs, 6 chs on 1/1 (DoC), 4 prs, 1 with 1 ch on 26/4 (CG,KB). Makatote Stm; 12 ads & 6 chs on 1/1 (DoC). Whakapapa R; 2 + 1 juv on 26/4 (CG,KB). Oturere Stm; 1 on 30/6 (DoC). [T] Egmont NP; 2 on 15/12 (IHD). [HB] Ruahine Ranges; 1 on 21/12 & 27/12 (RK).

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* [A] Rosedale SP; max 127 on 23/12 (GLD). [Wk] Cambridge L; 111 on 29/10 (HJC). Raglan H; 140 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). Hamilton L; max

1530 on 11/5 (BAF et al). Forest L; max 170 in June (ABC). [M] Manawatu E; c800 in duck shooting (JL&MM,IS et al). [HB] Ahuriri E; 120 on 16/11, 211 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen).

Grey duck *Anas superciliosa* [T] Waiongana E; max 20 on 13/7 (PJF). Bell Block ex02 SP; max 8 on 7/10 (BAH). Inglewood SP; max 9 on 14/6 (BAH,WM,PJF). Rahotu coast; 9 on 13/6. Rotokare L; max 12 on 24/6 (BAH). Hawera SP; 9 on 11/5 (OSNZ).

Grey teal *Anas gracilis* [A] L Karaka, Kaipara Sth Hd; 466 on 25.4 (GAP,EHL). Gambles dam, Te Hana; 77 ads + juvs on 24/10. Wellsford ; 25 on 19/11 (SPC). Rosedale SP; max 9 on 12/1. Mt Wellington Q; max 15 on 13/2 (GLD). [VP] Ameku Dam, Waimarino F; 50+, 1st record here on 13/6 (KO). [G/W] Maungawhio L, Mahia; c250 on 25/2 (GAF). [T] Waiongana E; 4 on 1/7 (PJF). Inglewood SP; 4 on 14/6 (PJF,WM,BAH). Eltham SP; 16 on 11/5. Hawkens Lag; 15 on 28/2 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; c800 on 4/5, still 500+ in June (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 117 on 16/11, 325 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). East Clive; 12 on 3/4 (KVT).

Brown teal *Anas aucklandica chlorotis* [A] Gambles dam, Te Hana; 1 female on 24/10 (SPC). [W] Waikanae E; 1+2 Mallard/Grey duck hybrids on 24/11 UBR 02/03 (SM) & 5/2 UBR 01/03 (SM,PB), 3 on 6/3, 6 on 20/4, 3 on 25/5 UBR 67A,B,C/03 (ARM,JAW).

NZ shoveler *Anas rhynchos variegata* [A] L Karaka, Kaipara Sth Hd; 229 on 25/04 (GAP,EHL). Rosedale SP; max 24 on 30/12. Mt Wellington Q; max 13 on 14/10 (GLD). [T] Waiongana E; max 10 on 15/1 (PJF). Inglewood SP; 5 on 14/6 (PJF,BAH,WM). Ratapiko L; 12 on 31/7 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; max c800 on 2/6 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 163 on 16/11, 345 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 102 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

NZ scaup *Aythya novaeseelandiae* [A] Gambles dam, Tomarata; 1 pr on 21/6, 1st record here (GAP,JLS,DSJ). Burma Rd dam, Tapanui; 15 on 18/5, 1st record for this site (GAP,AGG). Western Springs, Auckland; 20 on 28/7 (GAP,JLS). [VP] L Ngahewa; 10 on 26/10 (MSn). [G/W] L Waikaremoana; 20 on 10-11/2 (PDC). [T] Mangamahoe L; max 133 on 31/7. Ratapiko L; max 105 on 24/9 (BAH). [M] L Omanu; 1 male on 15/2, unusual here (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 2 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 1st here for many years (MT). [W] Waikanae E; 1 on 28/12 (MSn).

NZ falcon *Falco novaeseelandiae* [Wk] Whatawhata; 1 in Manson's Rd on 17/9 (LW). Whatawhata AgResearch Farm; 1 on 18/6 (DM). Pirongia; 1 on 20/11. Taumarunui; 1 in Maungakura Rd on 20/11 (JH). Te Kowhai; 1 on 21/11 (ACR). L Ngaroto; 1 on 9/6 (LW). Tokoroa; 1 in pines on 14/6 (LWEH). SH 23, east of Robertson Rd; 1 on 30/6 (LWE&JH). [BP] Motu R; 1 on 3/2 (AS&JMR). [VP] Wairere V; pr on 31/12. Upper Tama L; 1 on 2/1 (AS&JMR). Ngongotaha; 1 on 28/5 (KLO). Whirinaki F; 1 on 2/4. Murupara; 1 on 25/6 (NMc). Kaimanawa Ranges; 1 on 17/1 (AS&JMR). Moawhango V; bird seen harassing a harrier in Home V Rd on 11/1 (CCO). Tongariro NP; 1 above Chateau on 31/1 (AS&JMR). Ohakune; 1 by DoC base on 17/3, 1 hit by car on 20/5, 1 chasing Redpolls on 5/6 (KO). Jerusalem; 1 on 2/6 (PDC,LW). [G/W] Raupunga; 1 in vineyard on 25/3 (JGH). [T] Egmont NP; 1 on 6/4 (OSNZ), 1 on 25/3 (WAP), 1 on 8/6 (JLo). Purangi; 1 on 15/12 (WAP).

Collier's Covenant, Mangamingi; 1 on 4/4 (RH). New Plymouth; 1 on 22/3 (DGM). [M] Baines; 1 on 23/8 (C Doyle per IS). [HB] Mohaka R; 1 on 24/1 (JGH). Te Awanga; 1 on 23/6 (BMT). [Wr] Waiohine Gorge; 1 on 17/6, Waiohine; 1 on 10/9 (JD), 1 on 7/5 (GD). White Rock; 2 prs on 20/6 (AH). Mt Bruce; 1 on 9/10 (TT). Ngawi; 1 on 7/7 (DS). Featherston; 1 on 5/3 (CR). [W] Waikanae; 1 on 23/2, caught a House sparrow (RHH). Raumati; 1 at McKay's Crossing on 29/11 (CMM). Queen Elizabeth II P; 1 caught small bird on 18/4 (A Graham per EAG). Te Marua; 2 sightings in Oct. Trentham Memorial P; 1 in Oct (MSn). Melling; 1 chasing House sparrow on 8/9 (K Graham per EAG). Wellington City; various sites incl. 1 on 2/7 (NEP), 1 on 2/8 (PJR), 1 on 10/8 (RB), 1 on 10/1 (RSN) & 1 on 2/3 (CMM). Somes/Matiu I; 1 present for a week up to 3/3 (D Gray per RGP).

Black kite *Milvus migrans* [Wr] Pirinoa; 1 on 20/9 UBR 67/02 (TWy).

Californian quail *Callipepla californica brunnescens* [T] Manukorihi, Waitara; 8 on 5/7 (W&RM).

Brown quail *Synoicus sylphiphorus* [N] Ruakaka Racecourse; 4 on 16/7 (PRS).

Banded rail *Gallirallus philippensis* [A] Mangawhai H; 2 ads & 1 juv on 5/10 (GNG,MKT). [Wk] Aotea H; 1 heard on 1/6 (KO). [BP] Maketu E; 2 on 21/3 (TB). Ohiwa H; 2 on 9/4 (WP). [W] Taupo Swamp, Plimmerton; 1 on 18/3 (R Gay per CMM).

Spotless crane *Porzana tabuensis* [Wk] Aotea H; 1 heard on 1/6 (KO). [VP] L Rotorua; 2 on 16/8 (TB). Small wetland 5km sth of Rotorua; 3 heard on 22/4. L Aniwhenua; 2 heard on 29/10 (MSn). L Rotoaira; 2 seen, 1 heard on 20/9 (KO). Moutoapa, L Taupo; 1 on 17/1 (AS&JMR). Dry L, Rotokura ER; 1 heard on 5/6 (KO). [G/W] L Repongaere; 1 on 10/2 (AS&JMR). [T] Mangatai Stm, Awakino; 1 on 8/3 (OSNZ). Mohakatino swamp; 1 on 7/9. Awahou SR; 1 on 28/8. Rotokare L; 1 on 15/9 & 16/5 (BAH). [W] Nga Manu Sanctuary, Waikanae; 1 heard on 2/6 (MSn).

Marsh crane *Porzana pusilla* [A] Bethell's swamp; 1 on 16/11 (TW). [Wk] L "D", Horsham Downs; 1 on 17/5 (AS&JMR). [VP] L Otamangukau; 1 heard on 20/1 (AS&JMR). L Ngahewa; 1 heard on 16/8 (TB).

Australian coot *Fulica atra australis* [Wk] Forest L; max 8 in Oct, min 2 on 13/4 (ABC). Hamilton L; max 88 on 12/1, min 31 on 29/9 & 29/11 (BAF et al). Cambridge L; 25 on 29/10 (HJC). [VP] L Ngahewa; 15 on 26/10 (MSn). [G/W] L Whakamarino; 38 on 10/2 (PDC). [T] Mangamahoe L; max 22 on 8/5 (BAH). Barrett's Lag, New Plymouth; 4 on 9/12 (DGM). [Wr] L Henley, Masterton; 2 on 20/12 (BB).

SI pied oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus finschi* [N] Whangarei H; 58 on 23/11, 1853 on 8/3, 764 on 7/6. Ruakaka E; 102 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Nth Kaipara H; 547 on 24/11, 6339 on 14/6 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 2530 on 23/11, 11490 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 7000 at Big Sand I on 16/2 (GCS et al). Hobson Bay; max 124 on 24/3 (GLD). [Wk] Raglan H; 66 on 20/11, 321 on 18/6. Aotea H; 115 on 23/11, 2007 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 691 on 23/11, 2882 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; 140 on 23/3 (TB). Ohiwa H; 240 on 19/1 (WMH). [T] Mokau E; max 27 on 22/2 (BAH). Urenui coast; 41 flying sth on 31/8 (BAH,DGM,PJF).

Waiongana E; 78 in 7 flocks flying nth on 29/12 (PJF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year, <20 in spring then 80+ Jan-May, max 120 on 2/2 (JL&MM). [HB] Porangahau E; 32 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

Variable oystercatcher *Haematopus unicolor* [N] Lady Alice I; 1 on 8/1, 1st record here. Whangarei H; 15 prs, 19 chs seen (GRP), 191 on 23/11, 134 on 8/3, 52 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen), Limestone I; pr with albino ch for the fourth year in a row (GRP). Ruakaka E; c25 prs, c20 nests, c39 eggs, c26 hatched, c18 fledged (KMH,MH), 66 on 23/11, 62 on 8/3, 204 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Waipu E; c26 prs, c20 nests, c41 eggs, c25 hatched, c21 fledged (KMH,MH), 105 on 23/11, 133 on 8/3, 132 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Nth Kaipara H; 12 on 24/11 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai H; c25 prs, c20 nests, c45 eggs, c17 hatched, c15 fledged (KMH,MH), 149 on 23/4 (GAP,AGG). Omaha; 37 on 7/11 (SPC,OSNZ cen). Sth Kaipara H; 17 on 23/11, 35 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Brown's I; 85 on 18/7 (ESK). Hobson Bay; max 7 on 10/3 (GLD). [Wk] Aotea H; 6 on 23/11. Kawhia H; 21 on 23/11, 31 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; 60 on 23/3 (TB). Ohiwa H; 350 incl. 4 chs on 19/1 (WMH). [G/W] Uawa RM; 1 pure white bird with 24 black VOC on 8/2 (AS&JMR), long time resident bird (GAF). Portland I; max 62 ads on 11/12 (GAF,REF). [T] Mokau E; max 19 on 22/2 & 8/3 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; max 9 on 7/9 (JL&MM). [HB] Black-head B; 16 on 2/4 (BMT). Porangahau E; 29 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Pauatahanui Inlet; 6 on 12/10 (RSN). Wellington H; 37 at Petone B on 21/9 (ACR), Petone-Ngaurangi; seen almost daily, max 7 on 20/9, 22/1 & 23/4 (ARM).

Australasian pied stilt *Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus* [N] Whangarei H; 384 on 23/11, 466 on 8/3, 207 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Nth Kaipara H; 94 on 24/11, 2926 on 14/6 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 188 on 23/11, 1191 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Hobson Bay; max 25 on 10/3 (GLD). Mangere SP; 1830 on 2/3 (TW). [Wk] Raglan H; 135 on 20/11, 62 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [T] Mokau E; max 76 on 7/1 (BAH). Waiongana E; max 36 on 17/5 (PJF). [M] Manawatu E; present all year, max c250 in Apr/May (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 198 on 16/11, 561 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 151 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] L Wairarapa; 2000 on 24/6 (CC).

Black stilt *Himantopus novaeseelandiae* [A] Walker I, Sth Kaipara H; 1 on 22/2 (GAP,AGG,DSJ). [Wk] Kawhia H; 1 on 30/1 (HJC), 2 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen).

Hybrid stilt *Himantopus himantopus/novaeseelandiae* [A] Walker I, Sth Kaipara H; 4 smudgies on 22/2 (GAP,AGG,DSJ). [T] Urenui E; 2 Node G on 14/1 (BAH). [M] single Node E/F from 4/3 to end of May (JL&MM,IS).

NZ dotterel *Charadrius obscurus* [FN] Wairaraho Stm, Karikari Bay; 4 prs on 22/6 (AJG). Waiaua Bay; 3 prs on 31/7 (RT). [N] Whananaki E; 50 on 21/3 (GRP,OSNZ cen). Whangarei H; 6 prs, 3 chs banded & probably fledged (GRP), 5 on 23/11, 20 on 8/3, 18 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Ruakaka E; c7 prs, c7 nests, c14 eggs, c11 hatched, c11 fledged (KMH,MH), 12 on 23/11, 13 on 8/3, 16 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Waipu E; c14 prs, c13 nests, c29 eggs, c18 hatched, c16 fledged (KMH,MH), 38 on 23/11, 31 on 8/3, 35 on 22/3, 36 on

7/6 (AJB,GRP,OSNZ cen).Nth Kaipara H; 12 on 14/6 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai H; 106 on 9/11 (OSNZ cen), c14 prs, c10 nests, c18 eggs, c8 hatched, c7 fledged (KMH,MH), 150 on 22/3, 106 on 21/6. Sth Kaipara H; 30 on 23/11, 53 on 14/6, 38 at Tapura on 22/3. Omaha; 83 on 20/3. Papakanui Spit; 61 on 22/3 (OSNZ cen). Rat I, Kaipara H; pr nesting 1/3 (GAP,JLS,TMcM). Te Matuku, Waiheke I; 20 on 24/3 (MKT). Brown's I; 27 on 18/7 (ESK). Roscommon Q; 20 on 30/8 (AMH). [Wk] Kawhia H; 10 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; max 31 on 21/3, min 15 on 23/3 (TB). Ohiwa H; min 20 on 19/1, max 36 on 30/6 (WMH). [G/W] Portland I; 3 prs fledged 7 chs 11/1-6/2. A 4th pr consisting of 2 females laid a 6 egg nest. Max 20 birds on 14/2 (GAF,REF). [T] Komene Rd, dune L, Okato; 2 with nest on 23/11. Pungaereere Stm, Rohatu; max 5 on 6/9, nest on 17/1 (BAH).

Banded dotterel *Charadrius b. binctus* [FN] Scott's Pt; 10 on 11/4 (GM). Nr L Ohia; nest 6 eggs on 21/11 (LP). Aurere E; 10 on 21/2 (AJG). [N] Whangarei H; 0 on 23/11, 156 on 8/3, 315 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Nth Kaipara H; 54 on 14/6 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 12 on 23/11, 799 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen), max of 426 at Big Sand I on 4/5 (GRV). [Wk] Raglan H; 60 on 18/6. Aotea H; 89 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 321 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; min 2 on 15/12 & 22/12, max 80 on 6/2 (TB). Ohiwa H; min 54 on 19/1, max 279 on 30/6 (WMH). [G/W] Portland I; max 54 on 11/2 (GAF,REF). [T] Waiongana E; max 65 on 31/5 & 13/6 (PJF). Oaonui dunes; max 31 on 27/3 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 20-30 in winter, max 145+ on 16/2. L Omanu; 12 on 15/2, unusual here (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Napier-Awatoto; c60 in ploughed field on 3/6 (MJ). Porangahau E; 192 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] L Onoke; 13 on 22/12 (CES).

Black-fronted dotterel *Charadrius melanops* [A] Whatipuri; 4 on 15/6. Mangere SP; 4+2 juvs on 2/3, breeding here (TW). [G/W] Patutahi; 1 on 30/6 (JGH). [M] L Omanu; 1-3 July-Sept (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 63 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Tutumuri; 6 on 31/3 (TWy). [W] Otaki B; 2 on 20/3 (R&BD).

Mongolian dotterel *Charadrius mongolus* [A] Sth Kaipara H; 2 poss. 3 on 20/1 (AGG,GAP,SPC), 2, 1 in breeding plumage on 22/3, 1 until 4/5 (GRV) UBR 41/03; 1 of *mongolus* subspecies group at Tapura sand island on 25/3 UBR 52/03 (KMH), Papakanui Spit; 1 on 15/12 UBR 12/03 (GAP,TW).

Shore plover *Thinornis novaeseelandiae* [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 27/12 (JC), 28/12 (M&PWT,BMS) & 31/12 UBR 21/03 (JC).

Wrybill *Anarhynchus frontalis* [FN] Scott's Pt; 5 on 11/4 (GM). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 8 on 23/11, 209 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen), max 198 at Big Sand I on 18/5 (SPC et al). Mangere SP; min of 780 on 2/3 (TW), min of 1850 on an industrial building roof at Westfield, Onehunga on 18/5 (DAP,JLS,JED). [BP] Maketu E; 6 on 6/2 & 23/3 (TB). [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 13/11 & 23/1 (PJF). Pungaereere Stm, Rohatu; max 10 flying nth on 15/12 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; c25 in winter, max 51 on 7/10 (R&PS) & 50 on 5/4 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 29/12, 19/1, 16/2 & 3/5 (M&PWT,BMS). Porangahau E; 40 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

Pacific golden plover *Pluvialis fulva* [FN] Te Werahi Stm; 1 on 28/10, 2 on 29/10, unusual here (GRP). [N]

Whangarei H; 32 on 23/11, 34 on 8/3, 2 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Waipu E; 1 on 17/2 (KMH). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 51 on 23/11, 54 at Big Sand I on 22/3 (OSNZ cen), down to 1 on 4/5 & 18/5 (GRV et al). [Wk] Ruapuke B; 2 on 14/11 (HJC). [BP] Kaituna Cut; 10 on 15/12, 30 on 22/12. Maketu E; 62 on 23/3. Little Waihi; 47 on 6/2 (TB). Ohiwa H; 11 on 19/1, 22 on 21/2 (WMH). [T] Waiongana E; max 15 on 30/12 (PJF). Manihi Rd; max 30 on 2/12 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 23/9, 21 by 24/12, max 23 in March, 2 by 10/4 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 27 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 25 on 26/12 (JGH,CFM) down to 23 on 16/2 (BMS). [Wr] L Wairarapa; 38 on 22/3 (CC).

Spur-winged plover *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae* [HB] Porangahau E; 87 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen). [W] Petone-Ngaauranga, Wellington H; seen every month, max 10 on 13/9 (ARM).

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* [N] Waipu E; 24 on 23/11, 30 on 8/3 (AJB,OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 190 on 23/11, 61 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen), max of 341 at Big Sand I on 16/2 (GCS et al). [Wk] Kawhia H; 1 on 23/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; 5 on 21/3 (TB). [G/W] Portland I; max 163 on 27/1 (GAF,REF). [T] Waiongana E; max 3 on 16/11 (PJF). Pungaereere Stm, Rahotu; 4 on 25/2 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; max 2 from 3/11 to 10/11 (IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 26/12 (JGH,CFM), 31/12 & 3/1 (M&PWT). East Clive; 1 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen).

Lesser knot *Calidris canutus* [N] Whangarei H; 1600 on 23/11, 620 on 8/3, 65 on 7/6. Ruakaka E; 450 on 23/11, 96 on 8/3 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Nth Kaipara H; 634 on 24/11 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai H; 180 on 9/11. Sth Kaipara H; 8317 on 23/11, 0 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Mangere SP; 3000 on 8/12 (DAL et al). [BP] Maketu E; max 100 on 15/12 (TB). Ohiwa H; 15 on 19/1 (WMH). [M] Manawatu E; 9 on 28/9, max 300+ on 2/2, 10 on 10/4 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 6 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), only 1 on 19/1 (M&PWT).

Sanderling *Calidris alba* [HB] Porangahau E; 1 on 16/2 (JGH,CFM,MJ), 21/2 & 5/3 UBR 23/03 (BMS).

Curlew sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* [A] Sth Kaipara H; 1 at Big Sand I on 6/10 (GAP,AGG,TW), 1 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). [M] Manawatu E; 5 on 19/10, 4 till 16/2 & 3 till 20/3 (JL&MM et al). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 28/12 (M&PWT), remained throughout Jan & last seen 22/2 (BMS).

Sharp-tailed sandpiper *Calidris acuminata* [A] Sth Kaipara H; 1 on 6/10 (GAP,AGG,TW) & 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 3 at Big Sand I on 20/1, 16/2 & 22/3 (AGG et al). Mangere SP; 8 on 17/11 & 8/12, 7 on 2/3 (TW et al). [BP] Maketu E; 2 on 29/1 (TB). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 20/10, rising to 3 on 7/12, 5 from 24/12 to 3/1, 4 till 10/4. L Omanu; 3 on 15/2 (JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 10 on 26/12 (JGH,CFM), 11 on 26/1, between 4 & 11 seen regularly through Jan, last present 7 on 24/2 (M&PWT). Porangahau E; 1 on 5/3 (BMS).

Pectoral sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* [A] Mangere SP; 1 on 24/11, 13/1, 19/1 & 2/3 UBR 10/03 (TW). [M] Manawatu E; single birds 3/11, 3/1 & 1/2 (IS,JL&MM). [HB] Ahuriri E; 4 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 1 on 26/12 (JGH,CFM), 26/1, 20/2 (M&PWT) & 22/2 (BMS,KVT). Porangahau E; 1 on 5/3 (BMS).

Red-necked stint *Calidris ruficollis* [N] Whangarei H; 3 on 8/3 (AJB,OSNZ cen). [A] Sth Kaipara H; 2 at Big Sand I on 8/9 (GAP et al), 9 on 23/11, max 13 at Big Sand I & 7 at Papakanui Spit on 22/3 (OSNZ cen). Mangere SP; 2 on 17/11 (TW,GAP, 4 on 2/3 (TW). [BP] Maketu E; 2 on 6/2 (TB). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 23/9 (R&PS) & 27/10 (IS), 2-4 from 3/11 to 17/11, then 1 Jan-Feb but 2 on 18-19/1 (JL&MM,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 4 on 26/12, 6 on 29/12 (JGH,CFM), 5 on 31/12, 6 on 19/1, 4 on 24/2 (M&PWT) & 6 on 5/3 (TB). Porangahau E; 11 on 5/3 (BMS), 2 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

Broad-billed sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* [A] Mangere SP; 1 on 21/11, 27/11, 13/12 & 5/1 UBR 9/03 (TW).

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* [T] Waiongana E; 1 on 6/10 & 13/10 UBR 71/02 (PJF).

Eastern curlew *Numenius madagascariensis* [A] Pakiri R; 1 on 9/10 (KB,CG). Big Sand I, Kaipara H; 1 on 23/11 (NGG). [G/W] Portland I; 1 on reef on 19/1 (GAF,REF). [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 16/11 & 23/11 (S et al).

Asiatic whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus variegatus* [N] Whangarei H; 3 overwintering on 7/6 (GRP,KMH,GPP), 18 on 11/10 (GRP), 20 on 28/11 (KMH,GPP) & 2 on 8/3 (KMH,GRP), 3 on 7/6 (AJB,OSNZ cen). [A] Kaipara H; 4 at Waikiri Ck on 7/5 (GRP,KMH).

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* [A] Sth Kaipara H; 11 on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen), max 14 at Big Sand I on 16/2 (AGG et al). Orewa B; 1 on 18/3 (DB). [Wk] Kawhia H; 8 on 23/11 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Ohiwa H; 5 on 19/1 (WMH). [G/W] Portland I; 1 on 10/12 (GAF,REF).

Eastern bar-tailed godwit *Limosa lapponica baueri* [FN] Mangonui H; 12 on 4/12 (DP). [N] Whangarei H; 3430 on 23/11, 2802 on 8/3, 196 on 7/6. Ruakaka E; 36 on 23/11, 126 on 8/3. Waipu E; 106 on 23/11, 102 on 8/3 (AJB,OSNZ cen). Nth Kaipara H; 3484 on 24/11, 123 on 14/6 (DEC,OSNZ cen). [A] Mangawhai H; c300 on 5/11 (KMH). Sth Kaipara H; 19167 on 23/11, 414 on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Omaha, Whangateau H; 500 on 7/11 (SPC,OSNZ cen). Mangere SP; c3000 on 8/12 (DAL et al). Hobson Bay; max 38 on 10/3 (GLD). [Wk] Aotea H; 453 on 23/11, 112 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 3650 on 23/11, 612 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [BP] Maketu E; max 1200 on 6/2, min 500 on 23/3. Little Waihi; 80 on 6/2 (TB). Ohiwa H; 3800 on 19/1 (WMH). [M] Manawatu E; c25 over-wintered, 170 on 28/9, 270 on 7/10, max 400+ on 25/12, c30 over-wintering (JL&MM,R&PS,IS). [HB] Ahuriri E; max c280 on 13/10 (M&PWT). [Wr] L Wairarapa; 30 on 12/2 (BB).

Siberian tattler *Tringa brevipes* [A] Ihumatao B, Manukau H; 1 on 24/11 UBR 7/03 (TW).

Tattler sp. *Tringa sp.* [HB] Ahuriri E; 1 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen), 3/1 & 19/1 (M&PWT) UBR 14/03.

Arctic skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* [T] Several sightings Feb-April (PJE,FB,BAH). [M] Foxton B; max 4 on 20/3 & 10/4 (JL&MM).

Southern black-backed gull *Larus dominicanus* [A] Sth Kaipara H; 75 on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen). [Wk] Kawhia H; 203 on 23/11 (OSNZ cen). [HB] Ahuriri E; 368 on 14/6. Waitangi E; 260 on 16/11, 200 on 14/6. East Clive; 357 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Onoke; 100+ prs nesting on 22/12 (CES).

Red-billed gull *Larus novaehollandiae scopulinus* [FN] Chucks Cove, Coopers B; 50 prs, 90 imms on 14/1

(AJG). [A] Great Barrier I; c40 active nests, most with chs on Junction I; c20 at Opakau I on 1/12 (ESK). Tiritiri Matangi I; c200 ads offshore on 23/11 (SPC). Tara Rock, Motutara I; c80 active nests, most with chs on 4/12. Hobson B wavebreak; 66 active nests on 27/11 (ESK). [Wk] Raglan H; 127 on 18/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Onoke; 30 nesting on 20/12 (CES).

Black-billed gull *Larus bulleri* [A] Sth Kaipara H; 62 at Papakanui Spit on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen). No large colony here this summer (AMH). [HB] Ahuriri E; 102 on 16/11 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] L Henley, Masterton; 12 on 12/10 (AH).

White-winged black tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* [T] Bell Beach ex02 SP; 1 from 26-31/12 (BAH,PJF). [HB] Waitangi E; 1 on 20/6 (BMS). [W] Waikanae E; 2 immes on 27/12 (AJT).

Black-fronted tern *Sterna albostrata* [VP] L Rotoehu; 1 on 17/8 (TB). [T] Timaru RM; 1 on 18/7 (BAH). [M] Ohakea; 1 on 1/7, unusual inland record (IS). Manawatu E; 1 on 27-28/7, 18/8 & 15/2 (JL&MM). [HB] Waitangi E; max 16 on 25/5. Waimarama B; 37 on 1/6 (M&PWT). [Wr] L Wairarapa; 6 on 22/3 (CC). Onoke; 13 on 27/3 (RDB). [W] Otaki RM; 2 on 20/3 (R&BD). Wellington H; c15 at times with large flock of Red billed gulls and a few White fronted terns on 16/3 (HAR).

Caspian tern *Sterna caspia* [N] Whangarei H; 58 prs nesting on 11/10, only 6 nests & 3 large chs left on 17/12 (GRP). Ruakaka E; 12 on 20/8 (PMC,PRS). [A] Mangawhai Spit; 91 ads, 26 chs on 9/11 (AGG,ARMo), c60 prs, 32 chs on 19/11 (KMH,MH). Kawau I; 1 ad with full-grown ch on Martello Rock; 4 with fully-fledged ch on Beehive I. Tara Rock, Motutara I; 1 ad with fully-fledged ch, all on 4/12 (ESK). Sth Kaipara H; 108 on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen). Tuhimata (Rat) I; 95 chs & juvs on 1/3 (GAP,JLS). Brown's I; pr with 1 egg, 1 ch nest on 21/11. Tahuna Torea, Tamaki E; up to 19 roosting in May (ESK,LMA). [Wk] Raglan H; 6 on 20/11, 28 on 18/6. Aotea H; 6 on 23/11, 24 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 39 on 23/11, 19 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [HB] Ahuriri E; max 29 on 21/4. Waitangi E; 43 on 25/5 (M&PWT). Tukituki E; 14 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). Maraekakaho RM; 33 on 9/7 (BMT). [Wr] Onoke; 20+ prs nesting on 29/11 (CES). [W] Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; 1 seen 9 times Oct-May (ARM).

White-fronted tern *Sterna striata* [N] Middle Stack, Chickens Is; c40 nesting on 18/1 (GRP). Waipu E; c30 prs, c30 chs & 150 ads in Jan (KMH,MH). [A] Great Barrier I; 4 active nests on Junction I; 52 active nests on Opakau I on 1/12 (ESK). Pakiri R; 8 1 egg nests on 29/11, all lost 6/12 (GAP,RG). Cape Rodney; c60 active nests on 3/12 (ESK). Sth Kaipara H; 153 on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen). No large colony at Papakanui Spit this summer (AMH). Tara Rock, Motutara I; 27 active nests on 4/12 (ESK). Tiritiri Matangi I; 40 nests on 23/11 (SPC), 50 on 3/12 (ESK). Nani I, Waiheke I; c250 nests on 15/11. Crusoe I; c70 active nests on 15/12. Scully's Reef, Ponui I; 225 ads with 149 1 egg nests & 76 ads on large inner islet on 11/12. Hobson B wavebreak; 40 active nests, 2 chs on 27/11 (ESK). Half Moon Bay Marina; 7 chs, 2 sitting ads on 22/12 (LMA). [Wk] Aotea H; 400 on 14/6. Kawhia H; 50 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [T] Sugar Loaf Is; 400 on 4/1 & 2/4 (BAH). [M] Manawatu E; largest flock 500+ on 19/1 & 9/4 (JL&MM). [HB] Tukituki E; c 200

on 7/1 (BMT). [Wr] Onoke; 20 nesting on 22/12 (CES). [W] Waikanae E; 100 on 28/12 (MSn). Wairaka Pt, Pukerua Bay; c100 on rock, c100 at sea, no nests on 27/10 (RSN). Petone-Ngauranga, Wellington H; seen most months, max c200 on 1/3 (ARM).

NZ fairy tern *Sterna nereis davisiae* [N] Waipu E; 6 ads on 18/9 (KMH), 5 on 23/11 (AJB,OSNZ cen), 3 prs, 3 nests, 5 eggs, 2 hatched, none fledged (KMH,MH), 2 on 13/5 (AVW). [A] Mangawhai H; 3 prs, 5 nests, 9 eggs, 2 hatched & fledged (KMH,MH,LF). Te Arai; 6 on 26/2 (MH). Pakiri R; 11 birds on 23/9, max for Sept/Oct (AMH,GRV), 12 on 23/11 (RG), 1 pr showing breeding behaviour but no nest (AGG et al). Omaha Spit; 1 pr present 8-12/11 (JED,SPC). Sth Kaipara H; 1 pr laid 1-2 clutches, no chs fledged at Papakanui Spit (VT,GAP), 10 at Papakanui Spit & 4 at Walker I on 23/11; 16 (incl. 1 at Mairetahi, not recorded here for 10 yrs) on 14/6 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 5 at Walker I on 18/6 (KMH,AVW).

Eastern little tern *Sterna albifrons sinensis* [A] Pakiri R; 1 bird on 9/10, 1st sighting here (AGG,SPC,DH). Sth Kaipara H; 44 at Walker I on 23/11 (ACR,OSNZ cen), 4 on 7/5 (GRP,KMH), 2 (1 juv) on 18/6 (KMH,MH), 47 (2 in breeding plumage) at Tauhoa on 5/3 (GRP,MH), 6 same place on 7/5 (GRP,KMH). Whatipu B; 1 on 16/11, possibly 1st sighting here (TW). [G/W] Waiapoia E; 1 on 23/9 (GAF,REF). [M] Manawatu E; 1 from July to June (JL&MM et al), 2 on 7/10 (R&PS). [HB] Tukituki E; 2 on 5/2 (KVT).

Common tern *Sterna hirundo* [M] Manawatu E; 1 on 20/1 UBR 4/03 (IS,BHS).

Grey ternlet *Procelsterna cerulea* [N] High Peaks Rocks, Poor Knights Is; between 24 & 30 on 20/4 UBR 51/03 (GRP).

NZ pigeon *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae* [BP] Te Puke; 24 feeding on Mangeo berries on 9/4 (LE). Waimana V, Whakatane; 12 on 21/4 (NO). [Wr] Greytown; 16 on 6/11 (WT). Wairongomai RM; 70 flying past on 10/2 & 10/3 (RM). [W] Waikanae; 21 on top of 2 trees on 27/1 (JL).

Sulphur-crested cockatoo *Cacatua galerita* [FN] Mathew's Bush, Kaitaia; 1 on 16/11 (IW). [Wk] AgResearch farm, Whatawhata; 15 on 19/6 (DM). [M] Pohangina V; 30+ on 7/6 (NMac).

NI kaka *Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis* [FN] Arethusa, Pukenui; 1 on 12/9 (VH). [N] Tutukaka; 1 on 31/7 (KMH). [A] Matakana; 1-5 between 1/7 & 6/11 (SPC). Baddeleys B; 5 on 27/9 (MPG). [Wk] Morrinsville GC; 9 on 16/6 (JD). Te Aroha; 2 on 31/5. Kiwitahi; 3 on 5/8 (PDC). Hillcrest, Hamilton; 1 by river on 24/8 (SN). Waikato Uni; 1 seen regularly from 2/5 (EG). Cambridge L; 1 on 15/9. Rukuhia; 1 on 15/9 (PDC,LW). Whatawhata; 1 on 4/10 (PDC). Raglan; 1 on 13/12 (HO). Bridal Veil Falls SR; 2 on 25/9 (AS). Turua; 5 on 2/6 (JH). [BP] Upper Motu R; 1 heard on 3/2 (AS&JMR). [VP] Rotorua; 1 on 12/11 (WS). [T] New Plymouth; 2 at Pukekura Park on 5/6 (DGM), 1 at Pukeiti on 18/8 (OSNZ), 24/8, 21/9, 12/6 & 2 on 3/9 (DGM). Egmont NP; 1 on 22/10 & 24/10 (IHD). [W] James Cook P, Waikanae; 1 on 16/8 (J Topcliffe per BTH).

Eastern rosella *Platycercus eximius* [T] New Plymouth; 1 at Pukekura Park on 8/5 & 23/5 (DGM), 2 at Barrett's Lag on 14/7 (BAH) & 11/5 (DGM). Ratapihipihi SR; 2 on 22/5. Mangamahoe L; 2 on 18/5 (DGM). Egmont NP; 2 on 6/4 (OSNZ).

Parakeet sp. *Cyanoramphus* sp. [M] Aokoutere; 2 on 2/8 (J Reid per IS). [W] Nth of Waikanae; 1 on 1/12 near SH 1 (CMM). Speedy Stm V; Belmont, Lower Hutt; 1 heard on 16/3 (WAW).

Shining cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus* [FN] Takahue; 1st record 7/8 (SJ). [N] Kamo; 1st heard on 11/9 (PRS). [T] New Plymouth; 1st heard in district on 7/9 (MM). [Wr] Holdsworth track; 1st heard on 10/9 (GD). [W] Karori Sanctuary, Wellington; 1st heard 2/10 (APH).

Long-tailed cuckoo *Eudynamis taitensis* [FN] Kohumaru Rd, Mangonui; calls at 0415h on 15/2 (AJG). [T] Waitaanga CA; 4 on 14/11, 5 on 19/12 (BAH). Egmont NP; 2 on 9/2 (OSNZ). Pukeiti, New Plymouth; max 5 on 4/2 (DGM). Moeawatea; 1 on 2/1 (BAH,PJF,JF). [HB] Boundary Stm; 1 fledgling being fed by whiteheads on 22/2 (JW). [W] Karori Sanctuary, Wellington; 1 on 24/10 (RDO).

Morepork *Ninox novaeseelandiae* [FN] Kitchener St, Kaitaia; 1 caught in Parapara tree on 29/3, cleaned & released (AV&LH). [W] Somes/Matiu I; 1 present for a week up to 3/5 (D Gray per RGP).

Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae* [A] Matakana; several observations feeding on eels, Nov-Dec (SPC).

NZ kingfisher *Halcyon sancta vagans* [HB] Ahuriri E; 26 on 14/6. Porangahau E; 19 on 15/6 (OSNZ cen).

NI rifleman *Acanthisitta chloris granti* [G/W] L Waikareiti; 15 on 11/2 (PDC). [M] Tunipo Trig track, Ruahine Ranges; 2 in Sept, 3rd report in 2 years (R&PS).

NZ pipit *Anthus n. novaeseelandiae* [N] Between Baylys B & Mahuta Gap; 4 on 16/8, 6 on 21/9, 1 on 16/11, 4 on 15/3, 9 on 12/4 & 16/5 & 7 on 8/6 (PRS et al). [T] Waitaanga CA; 1 on 18/1 (OSNZ). Whangamomona; 2 on 23/2 (PJF,JF). Egmont NP; 5 on 9/2 (OSNZ), 6 on 22/6 (IHD). Moeawatea; 3 on 2/1 (BAH,PJF,JF). [Wr] Onoke; 3 on 22/12 (CES).

Hedge sparrow *Prunella modularis* [W] Mt Powell Hut, Mt Holdsworth; 2 at 1250m, -2^o resting for periods of 1 h in deep snow on 30/8 (ILA).

Blackbird *Turdus merula* [W] Wellington; 1 in Civic Square flying with beak full of worms on 1/7, evidence of early breeding? (RGP)., 1 near Beehive with white throat feathers on 5/5 (RSN).

NI fernbird *Bowdleria punctata vealeae* [Wk] L Rotohoko; 3 on 24/4 (NMc). [VP] Small wetland 5km sth of Rotorua; 2 on 20/4 (MSn). [T] Tongaporutu RV; 2 on 16/1. Waitaanga CA; 4 on 16/1 (BAH,DGM). Egmont NP; 1 on 9/2 (OSNZ). Rotokare L; max 6 on 15/9 (BAH).

Whitehead *Mohoua albigilla* [T] Waitaanga CA; max 11 on 11/1 & 18/1 (BAH).

NI fantail *Rhipidura fuliginosa placabilis* [A] Birkenhead; 1 black phase from 9/7 till 30/6 (MPG). [Wr] Waiohine; 1 black phase on 8/3 (JD). Greytown; 1 black phase on 3/2 (DS). [W] Paekakariki; 1 black phase Apr-June (J Miller per CMM). Te Marua; 1 black phase in Apr (MSn). Karori Sanctuary, Wellington; 1 black phase on 21/7 (RAE) & 3/8 (CMM).

NI tomtit *Petroica macrocephala toitoi* [FN] Moturua I; 1 male on 1/6. 1st seen here (AJG). [A] Dome V walkway; 4 males, 1 female on 25/3 (BH). Moirs Hill; 1 female on 8/5 (BH). Krippner Rd, Puhoi; pr on 4/4 (RC,KP). Woodhill F; 1 male on 20/6 (BH). Cascades, Waitakere Ranges; 1 on 29/10 (MPG). Rangitoto I; pr on 3/2 (BH). [Wk] Te Tapuni Res, Maungakawa; 23 on 22/11 (AS&JMR). [G/W] L Waikareiti; 15 on 11/2 (PDC). [T] Matemateonga F; max 11 on 11/1 (BAH et al). Egmont NP; 10 on 22/6 (IHD).

NI robin *Petroica australis longipes* [T] Waitaanga CA; max 11 on 9/4 (BAH,WAP).

Bellbird *Anthornis melanura* [T] Matemateonga F; 27 on 12/4 (BAH,PJF,JF). [W] Karori Sanctuary, Wellington; 1st breeding of released birds on 7/10, 3 chs (D Fastier per CMM).

Tui *Prosthamadera novaeseelandiae* [FN] Paua; 1 on 31/7, rare here (A-MN). [Wk] Cambridge; 25 feeding on cherry blossom on 17/9 (HJC). [Wr] Masterton; 1 part albino on 11/6 (MK). Greytown; 20 on 6/8 (TWy), 15 on 12/9 (AP). [W] Mt Holdsworth; 1 heard in snow covered beech forest at 1100m on 30/8 (ILA).

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelabs* [W] Wellington City; 1st song on 5/8 (RSN).

Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* [W] Te Marua; 1 yellow bird on 3/1 (MSn). Wellington City; 1st song on 4/10 (RSN).

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* [Wk] Galloway Park, Hamilton; 100+ 20/8 (FEB).

Redpoll *Carduelis flammea* [FN] Kaimaumu swamp; 2 on 8/6 (AV&LH). [G/W] Marumaru; 12 feeding on pampas seed heads on 8/6 (GAF,REF). [T] Egmont NP; 15 on 3/3 (BAH).

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* [W] Avalon, Lower Hutt; large dense flock landed & tightly covered 4 parallel power lines, length of 10 houses, more in trees on 31/3 (L Napier per RSN).

Myna *Acridotheres tristis* [Wr] Masterton; 1 in Feb (MK). Featherston; 1 on 9/12 (AS).

NI kokako *Callaeas cinerea wilsoni* [VP] Rotoehu F; 21 prs & 2 singles in April (LM). [T] Waitaanga CA; 1 on 27/7 & 28/2 (BAH,JH).

Australian magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen* [Wk] Days Park, Hamilton; 1 ad, 1 juv pecking blackbird nestlings, not eaten 8/12 (HJC,ZMJ). [G/W] Portland I; 1 raiding white-fronted tern colony, took fish from tern & pursued for 200m on 11/11 (GAF,REF). [Wr] Waiohine; 1 attacking pukeko on 14/8 (GD).

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* [A] Tawharanui RP; 1 on 18/10 (C). [Wk] Gordonton; 12 on 27/12 (DJR). [HB] Ahuriri E; 45 on 14/6 (OSNZ cen). [Wr] Konini; 200 on 28/5 (BB). Masterton; 80+ on 9/2 (MK).

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