

## CLASSIFIED SUMMARISED NOTES, SOUTH ISLAND AND OUTLYING ISLANDS, 1 JULY 2003 - 30 JUNE 2004

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**Regional Abbreviations:** [NE] Nelson, [MA] Marlborough, [WC] West Coast, [CA] Canterbury, [OT] Otago, [SO] Southland, [CI] Chatham Islands, [CAI] Campbell Island.

**Abbreviations:** ad adult; AF Airfield; amg among(st); arr arrival, asl above sea level; B Beach; BP Banks Peninsula; bot botanic, Br bridge, c. approximately; CG camp ground, Ch channel, conf confirmed, Crk Creek; E East; Est Estuary; f female; flk flock; fo forest; fr frequent; gdn garden; grp group; Hbr Harbour; Hd Head; HQ Headquarters; ha hectare; h hours; imm immature; incl including; I Island; Is Islands; It inlet, Junc junction, juv juvenile; km kilometres; L Lake; Lfr lakefront, Lgn Lagoon; max maximum; m metres; min minimum; Mt Mount; Mts Mountains; NP National Park; Nth North; pr pair; Pk Peak; Pen Peninsula; Pt Point; Ra Range; res reserve; R River; RM River Mouth; Rd Road; Sa saddle, school sch, ssp sandspit, SP Sewage Ponds; SHB shellbank, Sd Sound; Shw state highways; Sth South; Stm Stream; SF State Forest; Stn Station; Str Strait; Trk Track; U upper, veg vegetation, V Valley; W West, Wtd Wetland, xfer transfer.

**Australasian crested grebe** *Podiceps cristatus australis* [OT] Kelland Pond; 2 on 27/8 (AB). L. Johnson; 4 on 14/9 (LF). L. Hayes; 75 on 21/1, 80 on 1/3 (GC). [SO] Te Anau Downs; 1 on 24/1 (PR). Te Anau Lfr, 2 on 19/2 (LE).

**Australasian little grebe** *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* [NE] Dune Lake, Wharariki; 1 or 2 on 5/7 & 29/6 (CP).

**Shy mollymawk** *Diomedea cauta* [CA] Waitaki RM; 1 on 7/6, *T. steadi* (BH). [OT] Shag Pt; 1 on 7/6 (BH).

**Black-browed mollymawk** *Diomedea melanophris* [OT] Taiaroa Hd; 1 on 2/8 (MS).

**Grey-headed Albatross** *Diomedea chrysstoma* [OT] Shag Pt; 1 on 7/6 (BH).

**Buller's mollymawk** *Diomedea bulleri* [OT] Taiaroa Hd; 12 on 2/8 (MS). [CI] sth coast; several on 5/6 (AdB).

**Northern giant petrel** *Macronectes halli* [OT] Taiaroa Hd; 1 on 2/8 (MS)

**Southern giant petrel** *Macronectes giganteus* [OT] Shag Pt; 1 on 7/6 (BH). [CI] sth coast; group on 5/6 (AdB).

**Buller's shearwater** *Puffinus bulleri* [NE] Farewell Spit; 1 dead on 18/10 (CP).

**Chatham Island mollymawk** *Diomedea cauta eremita* [CI] sth coast; 1 on 5/6 (AdB).

**Cape pigeon** *Daption capense* [OT] Sandfly Bay; 1 on 1/8. Unusual winter record (AB). [CI] sth coast; many on 5/6 (AdB).

**Yellow-eyed penguin** *Megadyptes antipodes* [SO] Curio Bay; 6 y raised from 5/7 nests, 2003/04 (Nancy Gee per WC). 5 ad came ashore after 2000 h, 6-7/3 (WyC)

**Fiordland crested penguin** *Eudyptes pachyrhynchus* [SO] Milford Sound; 1 on 4/12. Halfmoon B, Stewart Island, 2 on 2/12 (WyC).

**Erect Crested Penguin** *Eudyptes sclateri* [OT] Tahokopa B; 1 on 8/2 (R & SS).

**Royal penguin** *Eudyptes chrysolophus schegeli* [OT] Nugget Pt; 1 on 22/2 (R & SS).

**Little black shag** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* [NE] Pakawau 35 on 1/6, 55 on 23/6 (seldom seen in the Bay) (CP).

**White heron** *Egretta alba* [NE] Farewell Spit, Triangle Flat; 3 on 2/6 (PC). Westhaven, 1 on 2/6 (CP). [OT] Chatto Crk; 1 on 13/5 (JW). Waitaki RM; 1 on 2/8. L. Benmore; 1 on 26/8 (AB). [SO] Titiroa; 1 on 26/10. Fortrose; 1 on 18/5 with flk Spoonbills. Athol; 1 on 1/6 (LE).

**Little egret** *Egretta garzetta* [NE] Waimea estuary; 1 on 5/7 (WC). 1 on 8/2 (DC).

**Reef heron** *Egretta sacra* [NE] Westhaven, Rakopai; 1 on 4/3 (CP). Torrent Bay; 1 on 7/2 (AW).

**Cattle egret** *Bubulcus ibis* [NE] Aorere River; 5 on 26/7 (CP). [OT] Inchclutha; 4 on 13/7 (R & SS). Nth of Waihola; 4 on 19/7 (AS & HS). 4 on 26/7 (IS).

**Australasian bittern** *Botaurus poiciloptilus* [OT] Catlins L; 1 during March (R & SS). [SO] Tiwai Rd nr Seaward Moss res; 1 on 27/10 (LE) Awarua Bay; 3 on 11/1 (PR, LE, JW).

**Royal spoonbill** *Platalea regia* [OT] Waitaki RM; 1 on 17/4 (AB).

**Mute swan** *Cygnus olor* [NE] Collingwood estuary; 1 on 29/6, probable survivor from semi-wild pair missing from Motupipi CP).

**Cape Barren goose** *Cereopsis novaehollandiae* [OT] Owaka; 1 with 2 spur-winged plovers on 20/5 (CP).

**Blue duck** *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos* [NE] Onekaka, Otere Str; 1 fem on 15/6 (CP).

**NZ scaup** *Aythya australis* [NE] Wharariki L; 35 + 8 y on 1/12 (CP). Moutere It; 4 on 9/3 (GP).[OT] Bowalley Lgn; 4 on 28/9 (AB). Puerua R; 1 f with 4 chicks on 1/1 (R & SS). Waitaki RM; flock on 27/3 (AB). Kakaho Crk mouth; 19 on 25/4 (AB).

**NZ falcon** *Falco novaeseelandiae* [NE] Golden Downs; 1 pr + 3 y nesting during Nov/Dec (DC,WC). Rai Valley; 1 pr + 2 y during Dec/Jan (DC). [WE] Mokihinui RM; 1 on 31/5, harassing *Sterna striata* along breakers (BH). [OT] Shag V; 2 on 15/6, Dunedin Bot Gdn; 1 on 22/6, Omarama; 1 on 25/2, Hampden; 1 on 14/3, L Ohau, Parson's Crk; 1 on 5/4 (AB). [SO] Maitland, nr Waikaka Str; 3 on 1/5 (Bede Kerr per PR). Longwoods Fo; 1 on 20/6 (PR, LE).

**California quail** *Callipepla californica* [NE] Cobb Vly: several pairs, 1 m above bushline c.1400m on 8/12 (CP).

**Weka** *Gallirallus australis* [NE] Rockville to Tukurua; heard during winter, Drugan's Dam area; 1 on 14/8, Appos Flat; 1 on 14/11, Milnthorpe; 1 on 4/12 (CP). [WE] Kohahai R; 2 on 28/5. Little Wanganui; at 1910, 1 on 29/5 (BH).

**Banded rail** *Rallus philippensis* [NE] Rabbit Is causeway; 1 on 29/2 (DC).

**Australian coot** *Fulica atra australis* [NE] Wharariki Is L; 4 during yr (CP). [OT] Sullivan's Dam; 3 on 9/5 (FA).

**South Island pied oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus finschi* [NE] Motueka ssp; 1270 on 10/1 (CM). [SO] Waipapa Pt; 242+ on pasture, 11/5 (WC). Rockdale Park Sch; 1 isabelline form, on 14/8 (LE). [CAI] Tucker Cove; 1 on 24/1 (DT).

**Variable oystercatcher** *Haematopus unicolor* [NE] Motueka ssp; 86 on 10/1 (CM). Collingwood; 61, Rakopai; 27, Farewell Spit base; 38 on late May/early Jun (CP). [SO] Porpoise B; 12 (incl 1 pied) on 6-7/3 (WyC).

**Black stilt** *Himantopus novaeseelandiae* [OT] Kaikorai Est; 1 juv on 17/10 (WyC). Opihi Lgn; 1 with 35 pied stilts on 8/1, Ki Wainono; 3 hybrids on 9/1 (MT).

**Banded dotterel** *Charadrius bincinctus* [NE] Motueka ssp; 30 on 10/1 (CM).

**NZ dotterel** *Charadrius obscurus* [NE] Bell's Is shb; 1 on 17/6 (WC). [SO] Daffodil Bay; Sandy Pt; 1 on 1/3 rare in this locality (Sav Saville per PR).

**Pacific golden plover** *Pluvialis fulva* [NE] Waimea est; 9 on 24/2 (WC). [SO] Daffodil Bay, Sandy P; 25 on 1/3 (Sav Saville per PR)

**Japanese snipe** *Gallinago hardwickii* [NE] Taupata Pt; 1 on 6/3 & 7/3 (CP & PF).

**Lesser knot** *Calidris canutus* [NE] Motueka ssp; 104 on 10/1 (CM). [CAI] Tucker Cove; 1 on 24/1 (DT).

**Wrybill** *Anarhynchus frontalis* [OT] Pounaweia; 1 on 1/1 (R&SS). [SO] Oreti B; 1 on 28/9 chased by nesting banded dotterel (PR).

**Terek sandpiper** *Tringa terek* [SO] Awarua Bay; 1 on 11/1 (JW). 1 on 1/3 (Sav Saville per PR).

**Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* [NE] Motueke ssp; 166 on 10/1 (CM).[OT] Waitaki RM; 2 on 17/4 (AB).

**Sharp-tailed sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata* [SO] Awarua Bay; 1 on 10/1 (JW).

**Eastern curlew** *Numenius madagascariensis* [NE] Farewell Spit; 5 on 9/3 (CP). [SO] Waituna Lgn; 3 on 3/1 (LE).

**Asiatic whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* [NE] Bell's Is Shb; 3 on 21/1(DC & HH). Motueka ssp; 1 on 24/2 (SL). Waimea It; 2 on 9/3 (GP). [CAI] Tucker Cove; 1 on 24/1 (DT).

**Bar-tailed godwit** *Limosa lapponica* [NE] Motueks ssp; 502 on 10/1 (CM). [SO] Awarua Bay; 466 on 29-30/12 (IS). [CAI] 3 on 24/1 (DT).

**Siberian tattler** *Tringa brevipes* [NE] Taupata Pt; 1 on 6/11 & 12/1 (CP). Motueka ssp; 3 in Dec (PS).

**Arctic skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus* [NE] Parapara; 1 on 6/12 (CP). [OT] Waitaki RM; 2 on 27/3 (AB).

**Caspian tern** *Sterna caspia* [SO] Waiau R nr Blackmount; 2 on 11/10 rare this far inland. (LE, PR).

**Arctic tern** *Sterna paradisaea* [SO] Stewart Is Paterson It; 1 among white-fronted terns (WyC.) Masons Bay; 1 dead, banded as chick in Vitskar Rogsta, Halsingland, Sweden on 27/6/03, found 1/12/03 (Gary Morgan per LE).

**Black-fronted tern** *Sterna albobristata* [SO] Stewart Is, Paterson It; 5 on 10/2, 3 on 18/3 (WyC)

**Little tern** *Sterna albifrons* [NE] Motueks ssp; 1 on 10/1 (CM). Bell's Is Shb; 3 on 21/1 (DC&HH). [SO] Stewart Is, Paterson It; 2 on 10/2, 2 on 18/3 (WyC) Stewart Is, Sydney Cove; 1 imm on 7-8/10 (RS).

**NZ pigeon** *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae* [SO] Lillburn V Rd, nr L Hauroko, c20 on 15/11 (PR, LE).

**Kea** *Nestor notabilis* [SO] Te Anau, News Pk; 5 ad on 8/11 (PR).

**SI kaka** *Nestor meridionalis meridionalis* [NE] Cobb V; 4 on 8/12 (CP). Mapua area; 1 thro' summer (GP).

**Yellow-crowned parakeet** *Cyanoramphus auriceps* [SO] Otatara, Ruru Ave; poss cage release. 1/7 (PR).

**Shining cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus* [SO] Morven Forest, 2 on 30/12 (WyC) Inner city, Invercargill, 1 on 5/11 (PR)

**Long-tailed cuckoo** *Eudynamis taitensis* [OT] Tahokapa V; 2 on 30/12 (R&SS). [SO] Invercargill, Bainfield Rd; 1 on 10/2 feeding in cabbage patch (LE)

**Little owl** *Athene noctua* [OT] Kelcey's Bush; 1 ad & 2 juv on 23/12 (MT).

**Kingfisher** *Halcyon sancta* [SO] Waikawa Hbr; 3 on 7/3, 1st of year (WyC).

**Welcome swallow** *Hirundo tahitica* [SO] Morven Fo; 2 at c.300m asl on 30/12 (WyC).

**Rock wren** *Xenicus gilviventris* [NE] Cobb V, Henderson basin; poss 4 prs (CP). [SO] Homer Tunnel, E portal; pr with nest amg <15cm veg on rock, 4/12 (WyC).

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula* [SO] Invercargill city; 1 on 28/6 male with white head feathers (PR).

**SI tomtit** *Petroica macrocephala* [NE] Golden Bay; 1 garden wreck in Feb (CP).

**SI fernbird** *Bowdleria punctata punctata* [OT] Sinclair Wtd; 1 on 3/8 (MS). Taieri R; 1 on 13/3 (MT).

**Chir bunting** *Emberiza cirlus* [NE] Rough Is, Hammond's Pt; fr flock (WC&DC). [SO] Awarua Bay; 1 on 11/1 (JW). 1 on 1/3 (Sav Saville per PR).

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus* [NE] Tukurua; 1 on 16 & 17/10 (CP).