Species to be reported to the Committee

An interim list of species to be reported to the Committee, and an Unusual/Rare Bird Report form, are now on the Society's web page at http://osnz.org.nz. Sightings of species referred to in the interim list are to be reported to the Committee for consideration until a revised list has been prepared.

Reports for 1998 and 1999

The following sightings included in the report which appeared in Notornis 47: 64-70 have been accepted by the Committee since that report was prepared:

1998

98/09 Three intermediate egrets (Egretta intermedia) at Lake Ellesmere on 13/8/98 (C. Hill). 4/00

98/11 Freshly dead common koel (Eudynamys scolopacea) found in Lees Valley, Canterbury in March 1997 1st New Zealand record. (G. Tunnicliffe). 5/00

98/13 Single long-toed stint (Calidris subminuta) at Lake Ellesmere on 31/8 and 25/9/97 1st New Zealand record. (S. Petch, C. Hill, N.I. Allen). 6/00

98/14 Single stilt sandpiper (Microgallinula himantopus) at Lake Ellesmere on 9, 10, and 11/9/98. 1st New Zealand record. (C. Hill et al.).

1999

12/99 Single stilt sandpiper (Microgallinula himantopus) at Lake Ellesmere on 26/9 and 20/11/98 (N.I. Allen). These sightings may have been of the bird described in 98/14. 7/00

15/99 Single pink-footed shearwaters (Puffinus creatopus) off Kaikoura on 14/12/98 and 27/2/99 (G. Melville). These appear to be the 3rd and 4th New Zealand records of this species. 8/00


25/99 Single Arctic tern (Sterna paradisaea) at Manawatu Estuary on 24/4/99 (I. Saville et al.). 11/00

28/99 Single atrifrons group Mongolian dotterel (Charadrius mongolus) at Tapora Sand Island, Kaipara Harbour on 4/4/99 (G.R.Parrish). Details of this sighting have appeared in Notornis 47: 125-126. 13/00

Note Three of these reports (98/11, 98/13, 98/14) involve 1st New Zealand records of the species concerned. Full reports will be published in Notornis.

Reports for 2000

The following sightings have been accepted by the Committee:

2/00 Single colour banded shore plover (Thinornis novaeseelandiae) first seen at Waiongana Estuary near New Plymouth on 28/12/99 (P. and J.Fryer, D.G.Medway, B.A.Hartley). It was not seen there after 31/12/99, but the same bird was at Manawatu Estuary on 3/1/00 (see 7/00 and 25/00). This shore plover (band combinations WO GB) hatched at the National Wildlife Centre at Mount Bruce on 30/11/98, was released at Portland Island in Hawke Bay on 15/7/99, and left the island between 9/9 and 3/10/99. WO GB has been seen only near New Plymouth and at Manawatu Estuary since it left Portland Island.

Single chestnut teal (Anas castanea) at Manawatu Estuary on various dates between 9/3 and 9/6/99 (I. Saville et al.).

Single colour-banded fairy tern (Sterna nereis) at Manawatu Estuary on 19/12/99 (R. and P. Slack, S. Cresswell, T. Kastelle, N. Pachana). Band combinations showed it had been banded as a chick at Mangawhai in Northland in 1/1999.

Single Japanese snipe (Gallinago hardwickii) at Manawatu Estuary between 4/12/99 and 9/1/00 (T. Wilson, I. Saville, J.L. Moore et al.). Photographs of this bird appear in Forest and Bird (May 2000) and Miranda Naturalists' Trust News (May 2000).

Single colour-banded shore plover (Thinornis novaeseelandiae) at Manawatu Estuary on 3/1/00 (I. Saville). This is the same sighting to which 25/00 refers. They involve the shore plover reported from near New Plymouth in 2/00.

Single fan-tailed cuckoo (Cacomantis flabelliformis) near Culverden, North Canterbury on 13/12/99 (G. Tunnicliffe). An account and photograph of this bird appeared in The Press, Chistchurch (2/8/00: 40). This is the 5th accepted record of the species in New Zealand, and the 1st time the species has been photographed alive in this country.

Single spine-tailed swift (Himantopus caudatus) at Hamilton on 23/12/99 (B. and B. Woolley).

Single willie wagtail (Rhipidura leucophrys) at Mangere Island in the Chatham group on 27/10/99 (H. Gunner et al.). 1st New Zealand record. A report will be published in Notornis.

Single Hudsonian godwit (Limosa haemastica) at Lake Ellesmere between 3 and 11/10/99 (C. Hill et al.).
15/00 Single **ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*) at Lake Ellesmere between 1/12/99 and 31/1/00 (C. Hill, S. Petch, K. Harrison).

16/00 Single **little whimbrel** (*Numenius minutus*) at Lake Ellesmere on 30/1/00 (C. Hill).

18/00 Single **whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus* spp.) at Saltwater Creek, Ashley Estuary on 19/2/00, but indeterminate as to race (N.I. Allen).

20/00 Single **Kermadec petrel** (**Pterodroma neglecta**) off Kaikoura on 25/1/99 (L. Brinker). This is same bird to which 16/99 relates.

21/00 Single **nody** (**Anous sp**) at Waimarama Beach on 12/4/00, but indeterminate as to species (D. Bell).

22/00 Single **common sandpiper** (**Tringa hypoleucos**) at Farewell Spit on 6/2/92 (W. Cook) (1st record at Farewell Spit).

24/00 Single **common tern** (**Sterna hirundo**) at Manawatu Estuary on 23/1/00, 5/3/00, and 19/3/00 (J.L. Moore et al.). These sightings may have been of the same individual reported by I. Saville in 9/00. The sighting of 5/3/00 was also reported by T. Kastelle and N. Pachana under 30/00.

25/00 Single **shore plover** (**Thinornis novaeseelandiae**) at Manawatu Estuary on 3/1/00 (J.L. and M. Moore). This is the same sighting to which 7/00 refers.

26/00 Single **Japanese snipe** (**Gallinago hardwickii**) at Manawatu Estuary on various dates between 12/12/99 and 2/4/00 (J.L. and M. Moore). These sightings were of the same bird as in 6/00.

27/00 Single **great knot** (**Calidris tenuirostris**) at Turanga Estuary, near Whitford on 20/3/00 (B. Keeley).

28/00 Single specimen of **Newell's shearwater** (**Puffinus newelli**) found dead on Dargaville Beach by D.E. Crockett on 13/11/94; the skin is in Museum of New Zealand MNZ25004 (R. Palma). _1st New Zealand record_. A report will be published in Notornis.

29/00 Single specimen of **Bulwer's petrel** (**Bulveria bulwerii**) found dead on Te Horo Beach, Horowhenua by J. Luke on 8/1/99; the skin is in Museum of New Zealand MNZ25739 (R. Palma). _1st New Zealand record_. A report will be published in Notornis.

30/00 Single **common tern** (**Sterna hirundo**) at Manawatu Estuary on 5/3/00 (T. Kastelle, N. Pachana). This is a sighting of the same bird reported under 24/00.

31/00 Single **sooty albatross** (**Phoebetria fusca**) at Anchorage Bay, Antipodes Island on 3/11/95 and on several days thereafter (G. Taylor et al.). 3rd record in the New Zealand region (previous records in Notornis 47: 64-70).

32/00 Single specimen of **Leach's storm petrel** (**Oceanodroma leucorhoa**) found dead on 90 Mile Beach by L. Honnor et al. on 17/10/98; the skin is in Museum of New Zealand MNZ25797 (G. Taylor). _7th New Zealand record._

33/00 Single **common sandpiper** (**Tringa hypoleucos**) at Hawera Oxidation Ponds on 15/6/98 (B.A. Hartley, M. Davis).

34/00 Single **Arctic tern** (**Sterna paradisaea**) at Taumutu, Lake Ellesmere outlet on 29/2/00 (P. Reese).

35/00 Single **sanderling** (**Calidris alba**) at Opoutere on 15/10/99 (B. Chudleigh et al.).

36/00 Single **chestnut teal** (**Anas castanea**) at Manawatu Estuary on 2, 16, and 17/7/00 (J.L. Moore et al.).

38/00 Single **black kite** (**Milvus migrans**) at Waihopai Valley Road, Marlborough on 14 and 15/8/00 (R. Radt et al.). These sightings constitute the 3rd record of the species in New Zealand (previous records in Notornis 47: 64-70).

39/00 Single **little tern** (**Sterna albifrons**) at Te Whanga Lagoon, Chatham Island between late 12/97 and mid 2/98 (M. Bell et al.). These sightings constitute the _1st record for Chatham Islands_.

41/00 Single **marsh sandpiper** (**Tringa stagnatilis**) at Lake Ellesmere on 27/10/00 (T. Crocker et al.).

41A/00 Single **marsh sandpiper** (**Tringa stagnatilis**) at Lake Ellesmere on 11/11/00 (C. Hill et al.). This was probably the same bird reported under 41/00.

42/00 Single **Hudsonian godwit** (**Limosa haematias**) at Lake Ellesmere on 7/9/00 and several times thereafter (C. Hill et al.).

43/00 Single **Mongolian dotterel** (**Charadrius mongolus**) at Lake Ellesmere on 16/9/00 (C. Hill, S. Wratten).

44/00 Single **Terek sandpiper** (**Tringa terek**) at Lake Ellesmere on 23/9/00 (C. Hill).

45/00 Single **Cape gannet** (**Sula capensis**) at Plateau Colony, Cape Kidnappers on various dates including 21/12/97, 20/12/98, and 18/12/99 (C.J.R. Robertson, B. Stephenson). _1st New Zealand record_. A report will be published in Notornis.

46/00 Single immature male **chestnut teal** (**Anas castanea**) at Manawatu Estuary on 26/3/00 (I. Saville).

47/00 Single female **chestnut teal** (**Anas castanea**) at Manawatu Estuary on 8/4/00 (I. Saville et al.).

48/00 Single **gull-billed tern** (**Gelochelidon nilotica**) at Lake Porukatu on 5/6/00 (I. Saville).

49/00 Single **white-capped nody** (**Anous tenuirostris**) found alive at Rapahoe in Westland on 7/9/00, released the following day (J. Lyall).


54/00 Single **spine-tailed swift** (**Hirundapus caudacuta**) at Farewell Spit on 13/11/99 (D.G. Medway et al.). Ref.: _OSNZ news no.93 (1999): 3._

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