



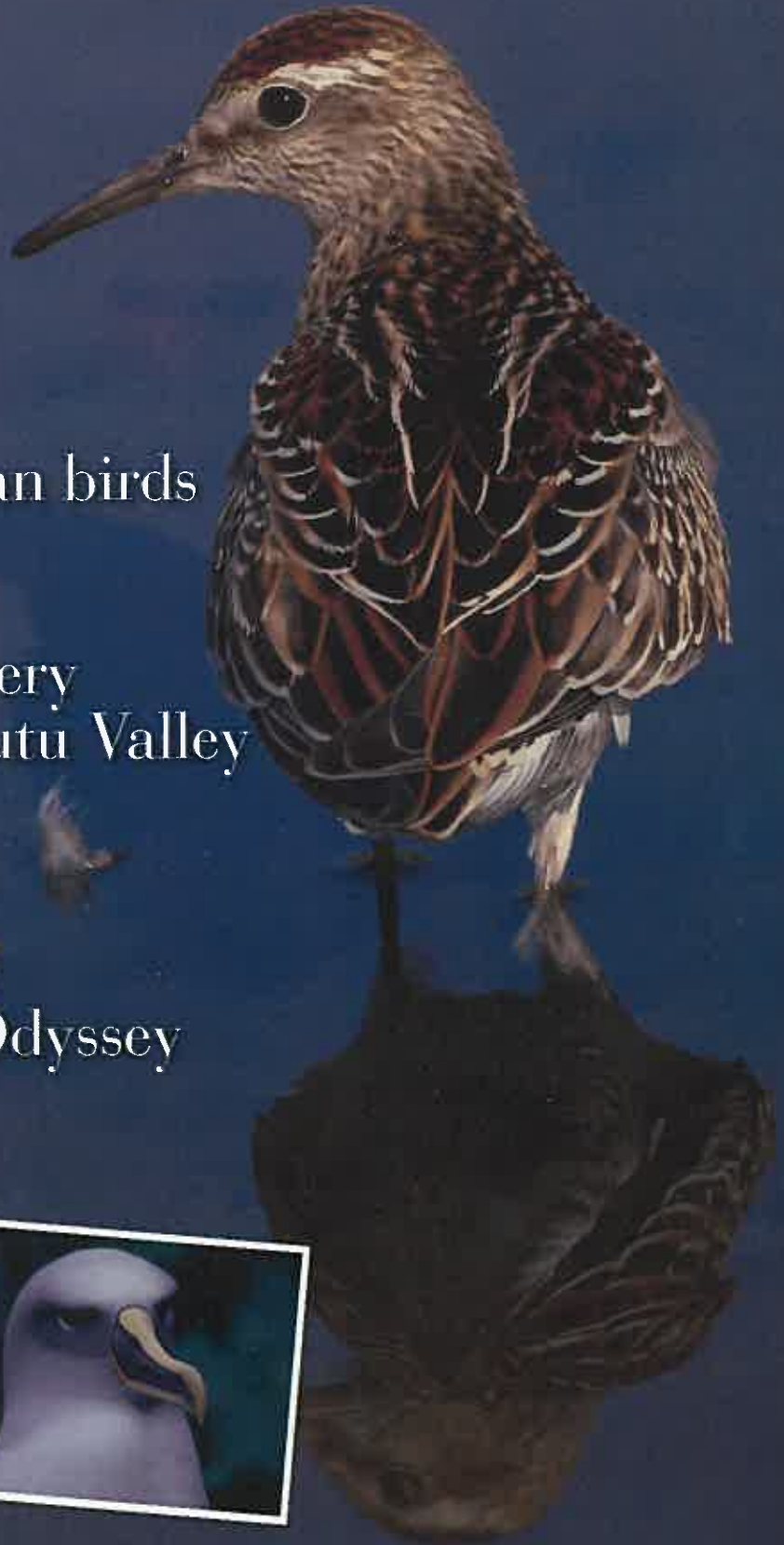
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mean more than birds

Kokako Recovery
in the Mangatutu Valley

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Subantarctic Odyssey



Report of Rare Birds Committee

It was mentioned in *Southern Bird* 19 that all reports of rare or unusual birds for consideration by the Committee are now to be sent by post to the Secretary, Rare Birds Committee, P.O. Box 12397, Wellington or by email to the Secretary, Rare Birds Committee at osnz@xtra.co.nz. Paul Scofield took over as convenor of the Committee on 1st January 2005.

The following sightings have been accepted by the committee since preparation of the report in Southern Bird 18.

UBR 15/04 - Report from Sheila Petch of a problematic shag seen by herself and Thomas Hanley at the Godley Head entrance to Lyttelton Harbour on 15/12/03. This sighting was accepted as being of a *Leucocarbo* shag, but species uncertain.

UBR 20/04 - Report from Jim Moore of a **Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* seen at Foxton Beach on 25/1/04.

UBR 21/04 - Report and photographs from Jim Moore of a **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* seen by himself and Ian Saville at the Manawatu estuary on 8/1/04.

UBR 24/04 - Report and photograph from Jackie Stevenson of an **Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia* seen by herself, Gary Stevenson and Margaret Pearson at 'The Kumaras', Motueka on 19/3/04.

UBR 26/04 - Report and photograph from Colin Miskelly of a **Moseley's Rockhopper Penguin** *Eudyptes chrysolophus moseleyi* seen by Sarah and Tim Gregory-Hunt and others at Star Keys Island, Chatham Islands on 3/1/04.

UBR 27/04 - Report from Richard and Suzanne Schofield of an **Erect-crested Penguin** *Eudyptes sclateri* seen at Tahakopa Beach, South Otago on 8/2/04.

UBR 28/04 - Report from Richard and Suzanne Schofield of a **Royal Penguin** *Eudyptes chrysolophus schlegeli* seen at Nugget Point, South Otago on 22/2/04.

UBR 29/04 - Report from Chris Petyt of a probable **Japanese Snipe** *Gallinago hardwickii* seen by himself, Peter Field, Charmaine Mead, Robyn Jones and two others at Taupata Point, near Puponga on 6 & 7/3/04.

UBR 30/04 & 30A/04 - Reports from Richard Parrish of **Grey Ternlets** *Procelsterna cerulea albivitta* seen by himself and Reuben Williams at Sugarloaf Rock, Poor Knights Islands on 3/2/04, and by himself, Katrina Hansen and other OSNZ Northland members at the same locality on 27/3/04.

UBR 31/04 - Report from Richard Parrish of a **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* seen by himself and Audrey Williams at Taporā, Kaipara Harbour on 6/5/04.

UBR 32/04 - Report from Ted Wnorowski of three **Great Knots** *Calidris tenuirostris* seen at Mangere Sewage Ponds, Auckland by himself on 1, 4, 5 & 8/4/04, and by John Dowding and Ray Clough on 4/4/04.

UBR 33/04 - Report from Ted Wnorowski of a **Little Whimbrel** *Numenius minutus* seen at Mangere on 5 & 8/4/04.

UBR 34/04 - Report from Ted Wnorowski of a **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* seen at Lake Omapere, Northland on 11/4/04.

UBR 35/04 - Report from Ted Wnorowski of two **Marsh Sandpipers** *Tringa stagnatilis* seen by himself, Gwenda Pulham, Adrian Riegen and others at Mangere Sewage Ponds on 22 & 23/5/04.

UBR 36/04 - Report and photograph of a **Nankeen Night Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus* seen at Double Cove, Queen Charlotte Sound by Rosie Furniss and others on 4/4/04, and by Ray Waters on 3/5/04.

UBR 37/04 - Report from Chris Gaskin of a **Providence Petrel** *Pterodroma solandri* seen at sea east of Whangaroa Harbour on 22/5/04 by himself, Brett Rathe, Karen Baird, Derek Bettesworth and Mike Imber.

UBR 38/04 - Report from Richard Schofield of a **Chestnut Teal** *Anas castanea* seen by himself and Suzanne Schofield at Clutha River, Balclutha on 14-17/2/03.

UBR 39/04 - Report from Margaret and Wayne Twydlé of a **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* seen at East Clive, Hawkes Bay on 25/7/04.

UBR 40/04 - Report and photographs from Richard and Suzanne Schofield of an **Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia* seen at Lawrence, Otago on 17 & 18/6/04.

The following sighting was not accepted by the Committee.

UBR 41/04 - Report of a suspected **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* seen north of Amberley on 26/5/04.

New Zealand Storm Petrel

Two reports of sightings of supposed New Zealand Storm Petrels were received for consideration by the Committee. They are:

UBR 87/03 - Report and photographs from Sav Saville & Brent Stephenson of a supposed **New Zealand Storm Petrel** seen on 25/1/03 by themselves and others at sea about 11 nautical miles due east of Opito Point, Mercury Bay, near Whitianga.

UBR 87A/03 - Report, video footage, and photographs from Robert L. Flood of supposed **New Zealand Storm Petrels** seen on 17/11/03 by himself and Bryan Thomas at sea about 2 km north of Little Barrier Island.

Having considered all the evidence presented in and with UBRs 87/03 and 87A/03, the Committee is of the opinion that the storm petrels reported could be the same as the storm petrel originally described by Mathews under the scientific name *Pealeornis maoriana* that Oliver later called the New Zealand Storm Petrel *Oceanites maorianus*. However, the Committee is not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the birds seen and photographed by the reporters in the outer Hauraki Gulf are identical to the only three known specimens in Tring and Paris that Mathews described as *Pealeornis maoriana*. Key information lacking in the submitted reports are details of the foot structure (necessary to eliminate *Fregetta*), and measurements (to allow comparisons with the existing specimens).

RARE BIRDS COMMITTEE
9 FEBRUARY 2005

Nominations for Regional Representatives 2006

Each RR serves for a one-year term, starting 1 January, though incumbents can be re-nominated for an unlimited number of terms.

Nominations for the RR of each region close with the Secretary (P.O. Box 12397, Wellington) on 31 July 2005.

The nomination paper for each RR must be signed by two financial members of the Society from that region and must be consented to in writing by the person nominated, who must also be a member of the Society.

If the Secretary receives more than one valid nomination a postal ballot will be held among the financial members of the region. If no nomination is received from a region, Council may appoint an RR for the 2006 year.

Falla Memorial Award & A.T. Edgar Junior Award 2006

Nominations are called for the above awards and should be with the Secretary (P.O. Box 12397, Wellington) by 30 June. Nominations should be on the standard forms, which are available from RRs and the Secretary.

The Awards Committee will consider all nominations, and its recommendations will be forwarded to Council for consideration at its spring meeting.

Contact your RR for further information on OSNZ award procedures. They are set out in the RR's Manual.

