



Southern *Bird*

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Fluttering Shearwater
translocation success

2008 AGM

Stick nose reactions
of Kingfishers to Aerial Raptors



FIRST RECORD FOR NEW ZEALAND

Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis*
10/07 31/12/2006 East of Pitt Island Chris Gaskin

RARE SPECIES ACCEPTED (IN ALPHABETIC ORDER BY COMMON NAME)

Reports of the following rare species were accepted by the Rare Birds Committee during the current reporting period.

Arctic Tern *Sterna hirundo*
47/06 24/09/2006 Whatipu Beach Mike Graham
(submitted as Common Tern)

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*
29/06 7/11/2002 Portland Island Geoff Foreman

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*
55/06 12/11/2006 North end, Kapiti Island Peter Reese

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
5/06 19/03/2006 Mangawhai Spit Katrina Hansen

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*
36/06 11/04/2006 Muriwai gannet colony John Wilson

Chestnut-breasted Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides*
03/07 13/01/2007 Hoopers Inlet, Otago Peninsula Bjarne Jensen
04/07 18/01/2007 Kaikorai Estuary Peter Schweigman
11/07 22/12/2006 Hoopers Inlet Otago Ben Miller

Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea*
25/06 13/10/2003 Coatesville, N of Auckland Ted Wnorowski

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*
41/06 29/05/2006 Clifton Beach, Whitford Bruce Keeley

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*
48/06 20/11/05 Ngaruroro River, Hawkes Bay Colin Miskelly

King Penguin *Aptenodytes patagonicus*
38/06 10/05/2006 Star Keys, Chatham Is Kevin Hodge

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*
14/07 17/05/2007 South end of 9 Mile Beach, Buller Matt Charteris

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides*
43/06 19/07/2006 Kaitiata Airport Kevin Mathews

New Zealand Storm Petrel *Oceanites maorianus*
56/06 4/11/2005 Hauraki Gulf Brent Stephenson *et al.*
(see Scofield 2007)

Pallid Cuckoo *Cuculus pallidus*
54/06 7/11/2006 Karori, Wellington Jo Castile-Roberts

Plumed Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna eytoni*
06/07 23/02/2007 Woodville Ian Armitage

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
05/07 7/01/2007 Lake Grassmere Bev Elliott

Royal Penguin *Eudyptes schlegelii*
37/06 5/03/2006 Rangatira (South-East) Island, Chatham Is Denise Fastier

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*
05/08 1/11/2007 Nelson Haven Peter Field

Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans*
21/06 27/11/2004 Mangatete Stream, Lake Ohakuri Ted Wnorowski
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(submitted as Fairy Martin)

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ACCEPTED RECORDS OF SPECIES WHOSE STATUS AS NATURAL VAGRANTS IS QUESTIONABLE

Crested Pigeon *Ocyphaps lophotes*
02/07 2/11/2006 West Huntly Sandy Bolton

Lovebird sp *Agapornis*
23/06 1/12/01-28/2/02 Muriwai Regional Park Erika Kuschel
(probable escapee)

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* (breeding)
18/06 15/10/2003 Coatesville, N of Auckland Ted Wnorowski
(probable deliberate release)

Carolina Wood duck *Aix sponsa* (breeding)
19/06 15/10/2003 Coatesville, N of Auckland Ted Wnorowski
(probable deliberate release)

Zebra Finch *Taeniopygia guttata*
20/06 3/03/2000 Lower Huia Dam, Whatipu Ted Wnorowski
9/6/2001

RECORDS SUBMITTED AS UNKNOWN FOR WHICH IDENTIFICATION COULD BE GIVEN:

Aberrant female blackbird *Turdus merula*
01/07 April 1998 to 2008 Waiuku

RECORDS FOR WHICH NO DEFINITIVE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION COULD BE GIVEN:

An unidentified raptor
03/08 14/11/2007 Between Twizel & Queenstown on State Highway 8

Martin *Petrochelidon* sp.
51/06 27/10/2006 Tiritiri Matangi Island

Tattler *Tringa* sp.
02/08 11 & 14/1/2008 Sugar Loaf Pt, Kaikoura

UNIDENTIFIED IMMATURE PHEASANT SPECIES
40/06 10/11/2003 Cambridge, Waikato

THE FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED OR COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED USING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*
34/06 18/03/2006 Skull Creek, Whangarei Harbour

Black Falcon *Falco subniger*
06/08 25/4/2005, Mac's Road Nelson
28/04/2006 & 28/5/2006

Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus* sp.
07/08 3-9/2/2008 Manchester St Christchurch

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*
42/06 30/11/2005 Waingana Stream Mouth (identified as Lesser Knot)

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*
15/07 1/03/2007 Mount Anglem, Stewart Island

Meyer's Parrot *Pocephalus meyeri*
17/06 16/10/2000 Man o' war Bay, Waiheke Island

North Island Piopio *Turnagra tanagra*
53/06 August 1980 Upper Oamaru Valley, Kaimanawa Ranges

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
08/08 9/02/2008 Farewell Spit

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*
6/06 5/5/1995 near Matakana
- 10/10/2000

Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus*
31/06 26/04/1997 Kaikoura Peninsula
39/06 9/05/2006 Southshore Spit, Christchurch

South Island Kokako *Callaeas cinerea*
12/07 27/11/2005 Mount Xenicus, Kahurangi NP
& 8/3/2008

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
01/08 3/11/2007 Lake Grassmere

Stout-legged Wren *Pachyptichas yaldwyni*
13/07 1998 & 1999 Karamea Main Road

Vanuatu Petrel *Pterodroma occulta*
44/06 19/03/2006 Kermadec Islands

Variable x South Island Pied Oystercatcher hybrid *Haematopus* sp.
30/06 1/10/2002 Molesworth, Awatere River

White-necked Heron *Ardea pacifica*
22/06 6/12/2002 Mangarakau wetlands

Two records have been returned to the submitters asking for more information before a ruling is made.

ERRATA TO PREVIOUS REPORT

In Scofield 2006 it was mentioned that the following record had not been accepted:

A record of unidentified boobies *Sula* sp.
14/06 3/01/1993 Upper Whangarei Harbour

We wish to correct this to:

A record of unidentified boobies or gannets (*Sulidae*)
14/06 3/01/1993 Upper Whangarei Harbour

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