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## Rare Birds Committee – 6 MONTHLY REPORT

The following sightings have been accepted by the Committee since preparation of the report in *Southern Bird* 8: 4-5. Several other reports are currently under consideration.

**UBR 70/01** - Report from Peter Fryer of single **White-eyed Duck** seen at New Plymouth on 31 October 2001.

**UBR 73/01** - Report from Gillian Vaughan of single **Large Sand Dotterel** seen by herself and Gwenda Pulham at Papakanui Spit on 2 November 2001.

**UBR 74/01** - Report from Gillian Vaughan of single **Sanderling** seen at Papakanui Spit on 2 November 2001.

**UBR 75/01** - Report from Tony Crocker of single **New Zealand Dabchick** seen by himself and others at Taylor Dam, near Blenheim on 21 October 2001.

**UBR 76/01** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Black Kite** seen at various Auckland localities on 5 & 8 November 2001.

**UBR 77/01** - Report and photographs from Ted Wnorowski of single **Intermediate Egret** seen at Whangapoua Harbour, Coromandel Peninsula on 11 July 2001.

**UBR 78/01** - Report from Dave Fraser (via Brent Stephenson) of single **Common Sandpiper** seen by himself and Margaret Fraser at Mahanga Beach, Mahia Peninsula on 17 November 2001.

**UBR 79/01** - Report from Ian Saville of single **Fiordland Crested Penguin** seen at Kaikoura on 28 January 2001.

**UBR 80/01** - Report from Ian Saville of at least 2 **Fairy Martins** seen with Welcome Swallows by Eckhard Graf between Te Pahi and Cape Reinga on or about 28 August 2001.

**UBR 81/01** - Report from Ian Saville of single **Wandering Tattler** seen by himself and Brent Stephenson at Kaikoura on 27 October 2001.

**UBR 82/01** - Report from Peter Fryer of single **Spine-tailed Swift** seen at the Waiongana River mouth, near New Plymouth, on 9 December 2001. This sighting is described in *Southern Bird* No. 9 (March 2002).

**UBR 83/01** - Report and photographs from Brian Chudleigh of single **Ruff** seen by himself and others at Miranda on 20 November 2001. Accounts and photographs of this bird by Brian Chudleigh appeared in *Miranda Naturalists' Trust News* No. 44 (February 2002) and in *Southern Bird* No. 9 (March 2002).

**UBR 83A/01** - Report and photographs from Angus Wilson (via Keith Woodley) of single **Ruff** seen at Miranda on 18 & 19 November 2001. This was undoubtedly the same individual as the Ruff reported in **UBR 83/01**.

**UBR 1/02** - Report and photographs from Nigel Milius and Wendy Hare (via David Lawrie) of single **Little Egret** seen at Opoutere on 8 & 9 July 2001.

**UBR 2/02** - Report from David Lawrie of single **Broad-billed Sandpiper** seen by himself, Gwenda Pulham, Tony Habraken, Jan Butcher, Wim Houtman & Ray Clough at Kidds Shellbanks, South Manukau Harbour on 18 November 2001 and 1 January 2002, with records of earlier sightings of the species by himself - usually with others - at the same locality in 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999 & 2000, and at Miranda on 4 March 1995.

**UBR 3/02** - Report from Robin Gardner-Gee (via David Pye) of single **Spine-tailed Swift** seen by himself & Maud Cahill at Tiritiri Matangi Island on 4 November 2001.

**UBR 4/02** - Report from Robin Gardner-Gee (via David

Pye) of 2 **Australasian Little Grebes** seen by himself, Kate Paulin and Susan & Chris Gee at Puhanga Farm Park, Golden Bay on 2 January 2002.

**UBR 5/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of single **Siberian (Grey-tailed) Tattler** seen by herself and Ted Wnorowski at Papakanui Spit on 18 February 2001, with records of other sightings of the species by - variously - herself, Gavin Grant, Mike Twyman, Ted Wnorowski, Simon Chamberlin, Bruce Connelly, David Lawrie, Jan Butcher, Wim Houtman, Ray Clough, Darryl Jeffries & Tony Habraken at Big Sand Island, Taporā on 7 April 2001 & 20 October 2001, at Mangawhai on 3 November 2001, and at Karaka, South Manukau Harbour on 1 January 2002.

**UBR 6/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of single **Grey Plover** seen by herself, Ted Wnorowski & Darryl Jeffries at Big Sand Island, Taporā on 11 March 2001.

**UBR 7/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of **Black-tailed Godwit** seen by herself, Ted Wnorowski, Darryl Jeffries & Bruce Connelly at Mangawhai on 3 November 2001(2), and by herself & Ted Wnorowski at Mangere Sewage Ponds on 18 January 2001(1).

**UBR 8/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of austral-bred juvenile **Little Terns** (2) seen by herself & Simon Chamberlin at Tauhoa River on 27 April 2001.

**UBR 9/02** - Report from Barry Hartley of banded **Black Stilt** seen at Mokau River estuary on 8 January 2002.

**UBR 10/02** - Report from Nick Allen of 2 **Little Whimbrels** seen at Lake Ellesmere on 30 November 2001.

**UBR 12/02** - Report and photographs from Barry Stevens of single **Oriental Cuckoo** seen by himself and members of his family at Kakanui, North Otago on 27 December 2001. An article about this bird appeared in the *Otago Daily Times* of 2 January 2002.

**UBR 13/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of single **Sanderling** seen by herself, Gavin Grant, Mike Twyman, Gordon Gorbey & Simon Chamberlin at Big Sand Island, Taporā on 6 October 2001.

**UBR 14/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of single **Mongolian Dotterel** seen by herself, Gavin Grant, Mike Twyman, Simon Chamberlin, Ted Wnorowski & Darryl Jeffries at Big Sand Island, Taporā on 20 October 2001, with reference to other sightings of the species at the same place by herself, Simon Chamberlin, Gavin Grant & Mike Twyman on 2, 15 & 16 December 2001.

**UBR 15/02** - Report from Stuart Jenkins (via Laurie Howell) of single **Red-tailed Tropicbird** seen at Tapotupotu, Cape Reinga on 30 December 2001.

**UBR 16/02** - Report from Martin Snowball (via Bill Lock) of family group of 5 **Brown Teal** seen at Waikanae Estuary on 18 February & 15 July 2001.

**UBR 16A/02** - Report and photograph from Barry Hartley of group of 15 **Brown Teal** seen by himself and Bill & Rosemary Messenger at Waimeha Lagoon, Waikanae on 18 March 2001.

**UBR 16B/02** - Report from Stuart Nicholson (via Bill Lock) of 4 **Brown Teal** seen at Waikanae Estuary on 6 February 2000.

**UBR 17/02** - Report from Christine McRae & Jim Hamilton of single **Gull-billed Tern** seen at Miranda on 26 January 2002.

**UBR 18/02** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Large Sand Dotterel** seen at Ruakaka on 27 January 2002.

**UBR 19/02** - Report from Robert Clearwater (via Alan Wright) of 2 **Dollarbirds** seen at Okia Flat, Otago Peninsula between 20 November and 10 December 2001. An article about these birds appeared in the *Otago Daily Times* of 17 December, 2001.

**UBR 21/02** - Report from Colleen McKerrow of 6 **Gull-**



**billed Terns** seen by herself, Brian Jones, and Alan & Linda Underhill at Big Sand Island, Tapora on 17 November 2001.

**UBR 22/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of single **Common Sandpiper** seen by herself & Ted Wnorowski at Mangere Sewage Ponds on 18 November 2001.

**UBR 23/02** - Report from Gwenda Pulham of 5 **Gull-billed Terns** seen by herself & Simon Chamberlin at Big Sand Island, Tapora on 2 December 2001.

**UBR 24/02** - Report and photographs from Peter Reese of single **Arctic Tern** seen at Lake Ellesmere outlet on 10 February 2002.

**UBR 25/02** - Report from Tim Blackburn of single **Oriental Pratincole** seen by himself, Steve Wratten & Karl Evans at Lake Ellesmere on 4 February 2002.

**UBR 26/02** - Report from Adrian Riegen of **Siberian (Grey-tailed) Tattler** banded by himself, Stephen Davies & Tony Habraken at Miranda on 17 February 2002.

**UBR 33/02** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Mongolian Dotterel** seen at Hukatere Beach (90 Mile Beach) on 10 March 2002.

**UBR 34/02** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Brown Booby** seen at Taupiri Bay, south of Cape Brett on 17 February 2002.

**UBR 35/02** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Pomarine Skua** seen at Reotahi Bay, Whangarei Harbour on 15 February 2002.

**UBR 36/02** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Red-tailed Tropicbird** seen at Cape Reinga on 8 March 2001.

**UBR 37/02** - Report from Ted Wnorowski of single **Greenshank** seen at Awapoko River lagoon, Karikari Peninsula on 12 March 2002.

**UBR 45/02** - Report from Richard Parrish of single **Grey Ternlet** seen at Rosemary Rock, Three Kings Island on 20 March 2002.

**DAVID MEDWAY**  
Convenor  
20 May 2002

## AGM Hokitika

We would like to thank all those people, who offered help with the AGM one way or another. It was a big job with two years in the planning. We're also extremely grateful for the work done by Jack Davidson - our local contact - for his behind-the-scenes help, his local knowledge of both the area and people, and his company over the weekend. Thanks also to Kay (his wife) for relaying messages, coffee etc.

One of the reasons for holding the AGM in Hokitika was to do atlassing squares, and to help the membership of six people on the West Coast to cover a large amount of country. After the successful weekend the membership has now been boosted to 9 members and the town has benefited to the tune of \$10,000 +, with 80 + people at both the Saturday & Sunday dinners held at the Southland Hotel. Accommodation for everyone was spread around the Heritage Motel, Railway Motel and the Mountain Jade Backpackers.

**TOM & HAZEL HARTY**

## CSN - a reminder

The deadline for material to be in the hands of the island collators is 31 August. Anything received later will be held over until next year.

In the first instance, members should send their material to the appropriate Regional Recorder, who is responsible for collating the region's contribution. In order to have time to complete this task, Regional Recorders need to receive members' contributions by 31 July.

The CSN year runs from 1 July to 30 June, so now is the time to extract all those observations from your notebooks. To assist with the process, below is a list of the Regional Recorders to whom the appropriate observations should be sent.

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**Northland** - Pauline Smith, 11/31 Ford Ave, Kamo, Whangarei, 09-435 3060.

**Auckland Landbirds and waterfowl** - Mel Galbreath, 62 Holyoake Place, Birkenhead, Auckland, 09-480 1958, [melgar@ihug.co.nz](mailto:melgar@ihug.co.nz).

**Waders, herons, spoonbills and egrets** - Adrian Riegen, 231 Forest Hill Road, RD1 Henderson, Auckland, 09-814 9741, [riegen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:riegen@xtra.co.nz).

**Seabirds, gulls, terns and shags** - Lauren Alston, 23a Takutai Ave, Bucklands Beach, Auckland, 09-537 9393, [laureen.a@xtra.co.nz](mailto:laureen.a@xtra.co.nz).

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