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R A R E B I R D S C O

The following sightings have been accepted by the Committee since preparation of the report in *Southern Bird* 14: 14-15.

UBR 64/02 - Report and photographs from Vic Hensley of Dollarbirds (*Eurystomus orientalis*) seen by himself at Far North Road, north of Pukenui on 17/10/00 (1), and by himself and Pauline Hensley at Waiharara Straights, north of Kaitia on 8/1/01 (2).

UBR 27/03 - Report from Steve Wood of a Pink-footed Shearwater (*Puffinus creatopus*) seen by himself & Gary Melville off Kaikoura on 4/1/03.

UBR 45/03 - Report from Tony Crocker of a Pomarine Skua (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) seen by himself, David Clarkson & Jan Walker at Waimakariri River mouth on 12/4/03.

UBR 46/03 - Report from Ian Hogarth of a Red-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon rubricauda*) seen at Whangarei Harbour on 19/10/02.

UBR 47/03 - Report and photographs from Brent Stephenson & Paddy Latham of a Long-tailed Skua (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) seen by themselves & Sav Saville, Steve Wood, Tim Barnard, John Brierley, Steve Wratten & Bert Lee off Tolaga Bay on 23/2/03.

UBR 48/03 - Report from Mike Imber of a Wandering Tattler (*Tringa incana*) seen at Red Mercury Island on 28/10/1998.

UBR 51/03 - Report from Richard Parrish of estimated 24-30 Grey Ternlets (*Procelsterna cerulea*) seen at Sugarloaf Rock, Poor Knights Islands on 20/4/03.

UBR 52/03 - Report from Katrina Hansen of a Mongolian Dotterel of the *Charadrius mongolus* "mongolus group" seen by herself & Audrey Williams at Tapora Sand Island, Kaipara Harbour on 25/3/03.

UBR 53/03 - Report from Alan Collins of a Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) seen by himself, Nick Allen, Sheila Petch & Jan Walker at Lake Wainono on 16 & 27/2/03.

UBR 54/03 - Report from Alan Collins of up to two Chestnut-breasted Shelducks (*Tadorna tadornoides*) seen at Normanby Lake (south of Timaru) between 5/3 & 29/4/03.

UBR 55/03 - Report from Alan Collins of two Pomarine Skuas (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) seen off Lake Wainono on 31/1/03.

UBR 56/03 - Report from Alan Collins of two Brown Skuas (*Catharacta skua lombergi*) seen off Timaru on 7/4/03.

UBR 57/03 - Report from Alan Collins of a Pomarine Skua (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) seen off Timaru on 7/4/03.

UBR 58/03 - Report and photograph from Barry Hartley of a White-necked Heron (*Ardea pacifica*) seen by himself & Dean Caskey at Toko, near Stratford on 4/6/03, and by himself & David Medway on 6/6/03. This appears to be the 6th New Zealand record of the species.

UBR 59/03 - Report from Nick Allen of a Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) seen at Rakaia River mouth on 21/6/03.

UBR 60/03 - Report from Chris Petyt of a Siberian Tattler (*Tringa brevipes*) seen near Puponga, Golden Bay on 6/1/03, 22/3/03 & 18/5/03.

UBR 61/03 - Report from Phil Battley of an Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) seen by himself, Jack Marks & Pauline Samways at Farewell Spit on 14/6/03.

UBR 63/03 - Report from Colin Miskelly of a Cirl Bunting (*Emberiza cirilis*) seen by himself & Kieran Miskelly at Ranui Crescent, Khandallah, Wellington on 15/7/03.

UBR 64/03 - Report from Graham Don of an Australasian Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*) seen at Mt. Wellington Quarry, Auckland on 14 & 22/10/02.

UBR 65/03 - Report from Graham Don of an Australasian Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*) seen at Rosedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, North Shore City on 20/11 & 2/12/02 & 17/2/03.



White-necked Heron at Toko
Photo by Barry Hartley

BANDING NOTES

Colour-flagged Waders

Bar-tailed Godwits and Lesser Knots are arriving on our shores and it's time once again to look for colour flags.

This year there is a chance of finding TWO colour combinations from China.

Last summer we had a very good series of records of GREEN over ORANGE Bar-tailed Godwits - birds marked at the Yalu

Jiang Nature Reserve in north-east China in April 2002. None of these birds appears to have remained in New Zealand over the winter, so hopefully they successfully migrated to Alaska. At least some of these birds should still be alive and be back again this year.

In April 2003 a total of 816 waders was flagged by Yuan Xiao and his team at

Banded Tui in Wellington

Members of OSNZ Wellington have colour-banded a number of Tui about the city over the winter.

If you are visiting any of the areas around Wellington where Tui breed please would you keep an eye out for colour-banded birds. Likely places are the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary, Wilton Bush, the Botanical Gardens, and no doubt a number of others.

The birds all have a metal band plus either a red or blue band on one leg (most likely on the right). The other leg will have two colour bands. Please report any sightings to either Rod Cossee at the DOC



UBR 66/03 - Report from Allan Munro of a **Cape Barren Goose** (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*) seen by himself & Janice Woon at Otaihangā on 29/6/03.

UBR 67A/03, 67B/03, 67C/03 - Reports from Allan Munro of **Brown Teal** (*Anas aucklandica chlorotis*) seen by himself & Janice Woon at Waikanae River mouth on 6/2/03 (three birds), 20/4/03 (six birds) & 25/5/03 (three birds).

UBR 68/03 - Report and photographs from Alan Collins of a **Cape Barren Goose** (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*) seen at Washdyke Lagoon on 8/8/03.

UBR 72/03 - Report from David Lawrie of a **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*) seen by himself, Tim Barnard, Gwenda Pulham & Gordon Gorby at Kidd's shellbanks, Manukau Harbour on 22 & 23/3/03.

UBR 73/03 - Report from David Lawrie of two **Black-tailed Godwits** (*Limosa limosa*) seen by himself & Nola Dyson at Miranda on 8/6/03.

UBR 74/03 - Report from David Lawrie of a **Marsh Sandpiper** (*Tringa stagnatilis*) seen at Miranda on 13/4/03.

UBR 75/03 - Report from David Lawrie of up to two **Mongolian Dotterels** (*Charadrius mongolus*) seen by himself & many others at Kidd's shellbanks, Manukau Harbour on several occasions between 4/1/03 & 13/9/03.

UBR 76/03 - Report from David Lawrie of a **Little Whimbrel** (*Numenius minutus*) seen by himself, Gillian Vaughan & Adrian Riegen at Kidd's shellbanks, Manukau Harbour on 4 & 5/1/03.

UBR 77/03 - Report from David Lawrie of a **Large Sand Dotterel** (*Charadrius leschenaultii*) seen by himself & several others at Kidd's shellbanks, Manukau Harbour on several occasions between 4/1/03 & 18/5/03.

UBR 78/03 - Report from David Lawrie of a **Siberian Tattler** (*Tringa brevipes*) seen by himself, Gwenda Pulham & Gordon Gorby at Kidd's shellbanks, Manukau Harbour on 23/3/03.

UBR 79/03 - Report from Geoff Foreman of a **Red-crowned Parakeet** (*Cyanoramphus novaeseelandiae*) seen by himself & Raewynn Foreman, Jim & Bev O'Brien, and Bill & Christine Winstanley at Otari Native Plant Reserve, Wilton's Bush, Wellington on 13/4/03.

UBR 80/03 - Report from Jim Moore of a **Chestnut Teal** (*Anas castanea*) seen at the Manawatu estuary on 14, 18 & 19/8/03.

The following sightings have also been determined by the Committee since the last report was prepared.

UBR 74/02 - Report from Tony Wilson of suspected **White-bellied Storm Petrel** (*Fregatta grallaria*) seen off Kaikoura on 8/11/01. The Committee did not accept that the given description confirmed this bird was a White-bellied Storm Petrel as claimed.

UBR 75/02 - Report and photographs from Tony Wilson of suspected **Wedge-tailed Shearwater** (*Puffinus pacificus*) seen off Kaikoura on 11/2/02. The Committee did not accept that the given description and photographs confirmed this bird was a Wedge-tailed Shearwater as claimed.

UBR 80/02 - Report from Rob Schuckard of suspected **Black Falcon** (*Falco subniger*) seen near French Pass on 17/11/02. The Committee did not accept that the given description confirmed this bird was a Black Falcon as claimed.

UBR 30/03 - Reports and photographs from Colin Scadden, Miles King, Colin Clunie & Tenick Dennison of a problematic 'grebe' seen at Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton in June and July 2002. A majority of the Committee considered that the bird described and depicted was a **New Zealand Dabchick** (*Poliiocephalus rufopectus*).

DAVID MEDWAY
Convener, Rare Birds Committee
27 October 2003

New Members and Donations

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

Barry Donovan (Canterbury), John Geale (Wellington), David Hayman (Wellington), Rosemary Jorgensen (Nelson), Antje Leseberg (Canterbury), Leigh Marshall (Waikato), Hayley Meehan (Wellington), Kim Morrison (United Kingdom), Rev and Mrs PB Paltridge

(Canterbury), Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society (Wellington), Lorna Russell (Auckland), Smithsonian Institute Libraries (America), David Stewart (Australia), Barry Thompson (Far North), Bronwen Wall (Wellington), Kerry Walshe (Far North).

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