

# **BIRDWATCHING IN New Zealand**

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## INTRODUCTION

In November 2012, DOF Travel Danish Ornithological Society (DOF) carried out its second tour to New Zealand.

The tour was designed to give the participants a good coverage of the whole country and see so many of the special bird species as possible.

The participants were: Steen Skaarup, Sten Pedersen, Vibeke Skov Møller, Flemming Møller, Stig Kjærgaard Rasmussen, Hans Meltofte, Jette Reeh, Birgit Pedersen, John Hansen, Marianne Mølgaard and Erik Mølgaard (Tour Leader).

The tour fee was DKK 50.500 (approx. Euro 6.730). The price included all transportation from Copenhagen, all accommodation, meals, local guide and tour leader as well as usual DOF services.

Arrangement in New Zealand was done by Whybill Birding Tours. The company had made a perfect arrangement and one of the owners Ian 'Sav' Saville was our local leader. Sav did an excellent job and was very pleasant to be together with.

New Zealand is a very easy birding country, but you need to drive a lot to clean the endemics. We only missed 3 endemic breeding species where as one of them is almost impossible to get on an ordinary bird tour – the Kakapoo. The two other species were Great Spotted Kiwi and Pycroft's Petrel, both were not on our itinerary.

We also saw most of the non-endemic birds and we only dipped to wanted species, the Buller's- and Chambell Albatross, both species had left the NZ waters at the time of our visit.

In the report I follow the newest IOC checklist 2012 (<http://www.worldbirdnames.org/>). This list has the newest splits and names.

Nearly all the localities visited are well documented in the book "Bird of New Zealand: Locality guide" of Stuart Chambers. Therefore no locality description is made in this report.





The report contains the following:

1. Summary of the journey
2. List of birds
3. List of introduced birds
4. List of mammals and reptiles.

Species observed only by one or two participants are marked in the bird and mammals list with the initials of the observers in brackets.

I wish to thank Stig K. Rasmussen for his extensive field notes which are the foundation of this report and Marianne Mølgaard for her assistance in writing this report.

Finally, it should not be forgotten that the whole trip was characterized by good fellowship and pleasant being together. Again it is a pleasure to look back on a successful DOF tour!

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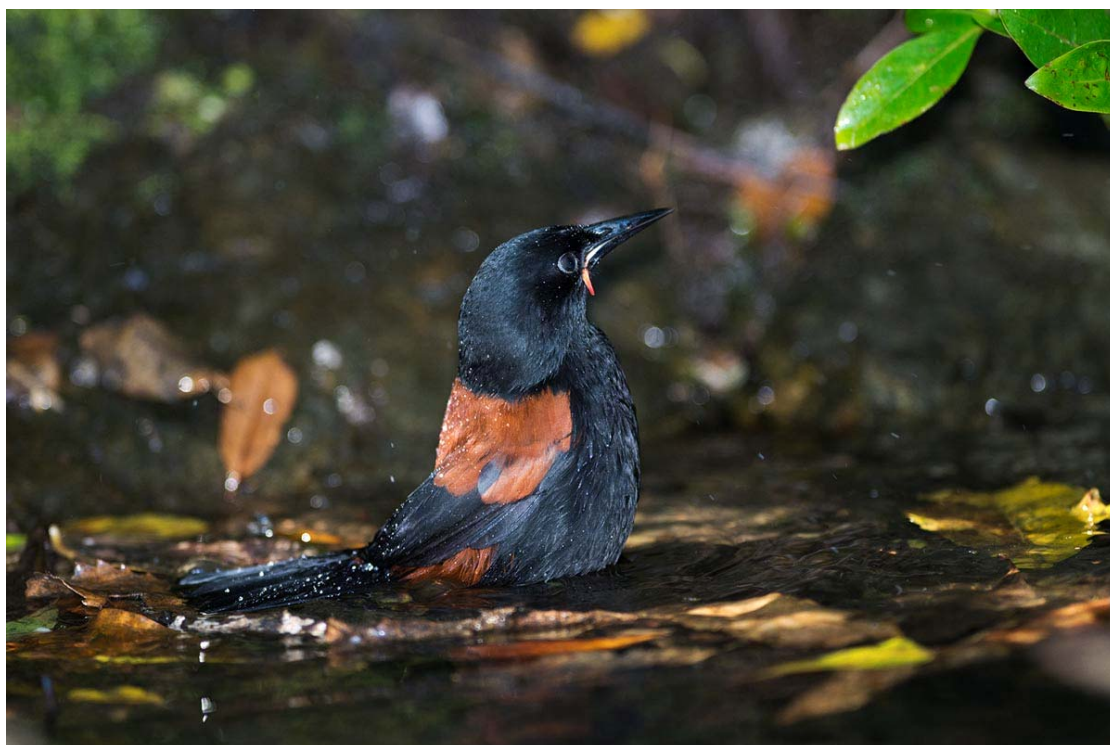


## Summary of the journey

10.11.2012:	-11.40	Copenhagen Airport
11.11.2012:	06.05-09.35 23.40-	Singapore (Changi International Airport) Auckland (International Airport)
12.11.2012:	-08.40 08.50-10.20 10.20-11.25 12.20-12.50 12.55-13.20 13.25-14.15 17.05-20.50 21.00-23.00 23.10-	Auckland (Hotel Holiday Inn) Puketutu Island Maukatia Bay (Westcoast) Hatfields Beach (Eastcoast) Waivera Wenderholm Regional Park Kauri (Kauri Coast Holiday Park) Trounsi Kauri Park Kauri (Kauri Coast Holiday Park)
13.11.2012:	-09.05 09.45-10.15 11.30-11.50 13.05-14.15 14.40-14.50 16.05-16.30 17.00 -	Kauri (Kauri Coast Holiday Park) Tane Mahuta Tangiteroria Waipu Wildlife Refuge Ormiston Road (pond) Sandspit and Sandspit Holiday Park Warkworth (Walton Park Motor Lodge)
14.11.2012:	-08.20 09.10-09.50 10.15-	Warkworth Gulf Harbour Tiritiri Matangi Island (Bunk House)
15.11.2012:	-15.30 15.50-16.00 17.00-	Tiritiri Matangi Island Gulf Harbour Warkworth (Walton Park Motor Lodge)
16.11.2012:	-07.25 07.55-08.10 08.10-16.55 16.55-17.05 17.30-	Warkworth Sandspit Harbour Hauraki Gulf Pelagic (including Kawau Island visit) Sandspit Harbour Warkworth (Walton Park Motor Lodge)
17.11.2012:	-06.45 09.05-10.35 11.05-11.40 15.50-16.20 16.25-17.40 17.50-	Warkworth Miranda Whangamata Wetland Reserve Turangi Tongariro River Walkway and Tokaanu Wharf , Turangi Turangi (Parklands Motor Lodge)
18.11.2012:	-07.45 08.05-09.05 09.15-09.45 13.20-15.00 15.45-16.45 16.50-	Turangi Tongariro National Park (Rotopounamu Walk) Turangi Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Manawatu River Palmerston North (Aztec Motel)
19.11.2012:	-08.55 09.40-10.20 11.05-11.45 11.45-12.15 12.50-13.00 13.25-14.25 17.45	Palmerston North Horowhenua Kuku Beach Waikanae Beach (Waimanu Lagoons) Plimmerton Coast Wellington Ferry Terminals Picton (Gateway Motel Picton Accomodation)

20.11.2012:	-08.40	Picton
	08.40-12.20	Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound)
		10.05-10.45 Motuara Island
		11.10-11.30 Blumine Island Scenic Reserve
	12.20-12.55	Picton
	13.15-13.55	Waiaru River near Spring Creek
	14.15-14.35	Wairau Lagoons
	15.10-15.20	Lake Grassmere
	15.30-	Kaikoura (Alpine View Motel) and a visit to Peninsula Seal Colony
21.11.2012:	-15.00	Kaikoura
		10.00-12.00 South Bay Pelagic Boat Trip
		12.30-13.15 Peninsula Seal Colony
	15.10-17.20	Kowhai River (forest)
	17.35-	Kaikoura (Alpine View Motel)
22.11.2012:	-06.35	Kaikoura
	07.25-07.45	St. Annes Lagoon Wildlife Refuge
	10.15-10.30	Castle Hill Conservation area
	10.35-10.50	Cave Stream Scenic Reserve
	11.35-12.30	Arthur's Pass Village
	13.55-14.05	Hokitika
	14.45-15.00	Lake lanthe
	16.10-17.10	Franz Josef Glacier
	17.20-19.30	Franz Josef
	19.50-22.05	Okarito
	22.25-	Franz Josef (Glacier Gateway Motels)
23.11.2012:	-07.45	Franz Josef
	09.50-10.05	Bruce Bay
	10.35-13.15	Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk)
	13.40-14.10	Haast
	15.00-16.00	Haast Pass (Historic Bridle Track)
	17.00-	Wanaka (Arcway motel)
24.11.2012:	-06.30	Wanaka
	09.00-09.40	Oreti River near Mossburn
	09.40-09.55	Te Anau
	10.00-17.45	Fiordland National Park
		11.25-12.20 Homer Tunnel
		12.35-13.20 Milford Sound
		13.50-14.25 Homer Tunnel
		14.50-15.15 Monkey Creek
		15.40-16.30 Cascade Creek
		16.45-17.00 Knobs Flat
	17.50-	Te Anau (Comfort Inn)
25.11.2012:	-08.55	Te Anau
	09.05-09.55	Fiordland National Park (Kepler Track)
	11.30-11.40	Mc Cracken's Rest
	12.00-12.25	Wakapatu Beach
	13.00-14.05	Riverton
	14.50-15.15	Invercargill Estuary
	15.40-17.00	Bluff
	18.00-	Stewart Island (Oban, South Sea Hotel)

26.11.2012:	All day	Stewart Island -08.45 Oban area 08.55-12.30 Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 12.30-17.30 Stewart Island Pelagic 17.30-20.50 Oban 21.30-23.30 Glory Cove/Ocean Beach 23.50- Oban
27.11.2012:	-08.05 09.05-09.25 10.40-11.10 12.20-13.05 13.35-14.20 16.10-16.35 17.20-18.15 18.20-	Stewart Island (Oban) Bluff Gore Roaring Bay med Kaka Point and Nugget Point Balclutha Shag Point (Matakaea) Bushy Beach (Bushy Beach Scenic Reserve) Oamari (Thames Court Motel)
28.11.2012:	-08.00 09.35-09.55 10.25-11.10 11.10-14.00 14.00-15.55 16.35-	Oamaru Omarama Lake Poaka Lake Pukari Ohau River Omarama (Ahuriri Motels)
29.11.2012:	-08.50 09.45-10.15 12.35-13.20 13.55-14.55 15.35	Omarama Lake Murray Rakaia Lake Ellesmere Christchurch (Airport Gateway Motor Lodge)
30.11.2012:	-12.05 17.00-	Christchurch Singapore
01.12.2012:	-01.25 06.50-	Singapore Kastrup (Københavns Lufthavn)



## List of Birds

### **SOUTHERN BROWN KIWI** (*Apteryx australis*) **ENDEMIC**

Stewart Island (Ocean Beach) 26/11 2-3 seen very well.

Note: Old name: Brown Kiwi

### **NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI** (*Apteryx mantelli*) **ENDEMIC**

Trounsi Kauri Park 12/11 1-2 birds heard and 1 seen very well.

Note: Old name: Brown Kiwi

### **OKARITO KIWI** (*Apteryx rowi*) **ENDEMIC**

Okarito 22/11 1 seen crossing the trail.

Note: Old name: Brown Kiwi

### **LITTLE SPOTTED KIWI** (*Apteryx owenii*) **ENDEMIC**

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 4-5 heard and 3 seen very well.

### **BLUE DUCK** (*Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*) **ENDEMIC**

Waikari Reserve 17/11 1. Fiordland National Park (Monkey Creek) 24/11 2.

### **PARADISE SHELDUCK** (*Tadorna variegata*) **ENDEMIC**

Common, seen every day.

### **PACIFIC BLACK DUCK** (*Anas superciliosa*)

Puketutu Island 12/11 45 (incl. 10 pull.). Waivera 12/11 20. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 2. Ormiston Road (Pond) 13/11 1. Whangamata Wetland Reserve 17/11 15. Turangi - Palmerston North 18/11 1. Horowhenua 19/11 20. Kaikoura - Arthur's Pass 22/11 2. Lake Poaka 28/11 1. Lake Murray 29/11 2.

### **AUSTRALASIAN SHOVELER** (*Anas rhynchotis*)

Puketutu Island 12/11 50. Waivera 12/11 22. Miranda 17/11 5. Whangamata Wetland Reserve 17/11 7. Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 1. Horowhenua 19/11 100. Picton - Kaikoura 20/11 8. Wairau Lagoons 20/11 10. Hokitika 22/11 21 (incl. 6 pull.). Ohau 28/11 1.

### **GREY TEAL** (*Anas gracilis*)

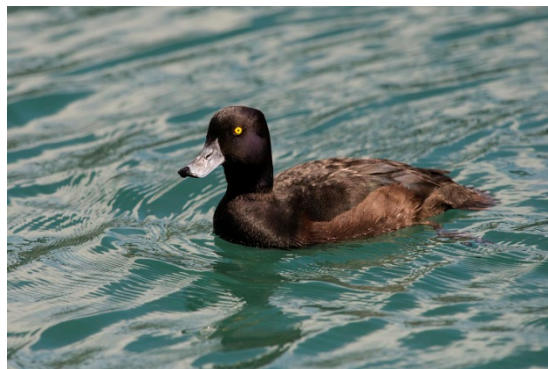
Puketutu Island 12/11 2. Waivera 12/11 2. Miranda 17/11 40. Whangamata Wetland Reserve 17/11 55. Turangi - Palmerston North 18/11 1. Horowhenua 19/11 20. Kuku Beach 19/11 5. Lake Grassmere - Kaikoura 20/11 4. St. Annes Lagoon Wildlife Refuge 22/11 4. Invercargill Estuary 25/11 2. Bluff - Oamaru 27/11 35.

### **BROWN TEAL** (*Anas chlorotis*) **ENDEMIC**

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 3, 15/11 1. Turangi - Palmerston North 18/11 1.

### **NEW ZEALAND SCAUP** (*Aythya novaeseelandiae*) **ENDEMIC**

Waivera 12/11 4. Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 40. Lake Grassmere - Kaikoura 20/11 22. St. Annes Lagoon Wildlife Refuge 22/11 30. Hokitika 22/11 90. Lake Ianthe 22/11 2. Fiordland National Park (Te Anau - Milford Sound) 24/11 30. Bluff - Oamaru 27/11 1. Oamaru - Twizel - Omarama 28/11 170. Lake Poaka 28/11 24. Ohau 28/11 62. Omarama - Hornby 29/11 42, Lake Murray 29/11 4.





**FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN** (*Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*) **ENDEMIC**

Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 1. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2 juv.

**YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN** (*Megadyptes antipodes*) **ENDEMIC**

Roaring Bay (Kaka Point, Nugget Point) 27/11 2. Bushy Beach Scenic Reserve 27/11 3.

**LITTLE PENGUIN** (*Eudyptula minor*)

Thorndon 19/11 1. Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 12. Motuara Island 20/11 4. Bluff 25/11 1. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2.

**NEW ZEALAND ALBATROSS** (*Diomedea antpodensis*)

Cook Strait 19/11 1. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 20.

Note: Split from Wandering Albatross

**SOUTHERN ROYAL ALBATROSS** (*Diomedea epomophora*)

Cook Strait 19/11 1. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 3. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 6.

**NORTHERN ROYAL ALBATROSS** (*Diomedea sanfordi*)

Cook Strait 19/11 4. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 2. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 1.

**BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS** (*Thalassarche melanophris melanophris*)

Cook Strait 19/11 1. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 2. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 1.

**SHY ALBATROSS** (*Thalassarche cauta*)

Cook Strait 19/11 4. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 50. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 1. Bluff 25/11 1. Bluff - Oban 25/11 4. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 150. Oban - Glory Cove 26/11 3. Oban - Bluff 27/11 20. Roaring Bay (Kaka Point, Nugget Point) 27/11 3.

**SALVIN'S ALBATROSS** (*Thalassarche salvini*)

Cook Strait 19/11 70. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 40. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 20. Oban - Bluff 27/11 3.

**ALBATROSS SPECIES** (*Diomedea/Thalassarche* species)

Cook Strait 19/11 15.





**SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL** (*Macronectes giganteus*)

Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 3.

**NORTHERN GIANT PETREL** (*Macronectes halli*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 4. Cook Strait 19/11 5. Kaikoura (Peninsula Sea Coloni) 20/11 1. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 50. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2.

**CAPE PETREL** (*Daption capense*)

Cook Strait 19/11 7. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 125. Bluff 25/11 7. Bluff - Oban 25/11 1. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 75. Oban - Bluff 27/11 20. Roaring Bay (Kaka Point, Nugget Point) 27/11 1. Shag Point (Matakaea) 27/11 1. Bushy Beach Scenic Reserve 27/11 1.

**BROAD-BILLED PRION** (*Pachyptila vittata*)

Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 1. Oban - Bluff 27/11 25.

**FAIRY PRION** (*Pachyptila turtur*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 5000. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 1. Oban - Bluff 27/11 25.

**PRION SPECIES** (*Pachyptila vittata/turtur*)

Cook Strait 19/11 1. Bluff - Oban 25/11 11.

**GREAT-WINGED PETREL** (*Pterodroma macroptera gouldi*)

South Bay Pelagic 21/11 5.

**COOK'S PETREL** (*Pterodroma cooki*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 350. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 2. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2.

**WHITE-CHINNED PETREL** (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*)

South Bay Pelagic 21/11 50. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2.

**BLACK PETREL** (*Procellaria parkinsoni*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 2.

Note: Old name: Parkinson's Petrel



**WESTLAND PETREL** (*Procellaria westlandica*)

South Bay Pelagic 21/11 40.

**BULLER'S SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus bulleri*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 30. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 25.

**FLUTTERING SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus gavia*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 20. Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 5000. Turangi - Palmerston North 18/11 2. Waikanae Beach (Waimanu Lagoons) 19/11 500. Cook Strait 19/11 90. Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 330.

**HUTTON'S SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus huttoni*)

Picton - Kaikoura 20/11 25. Kaikoura (Peninsula Sea Coloni) 20/11 25000. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 15000.

**LITTLE SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus assimilis*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 2.

**SOOTY SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus griseus*)

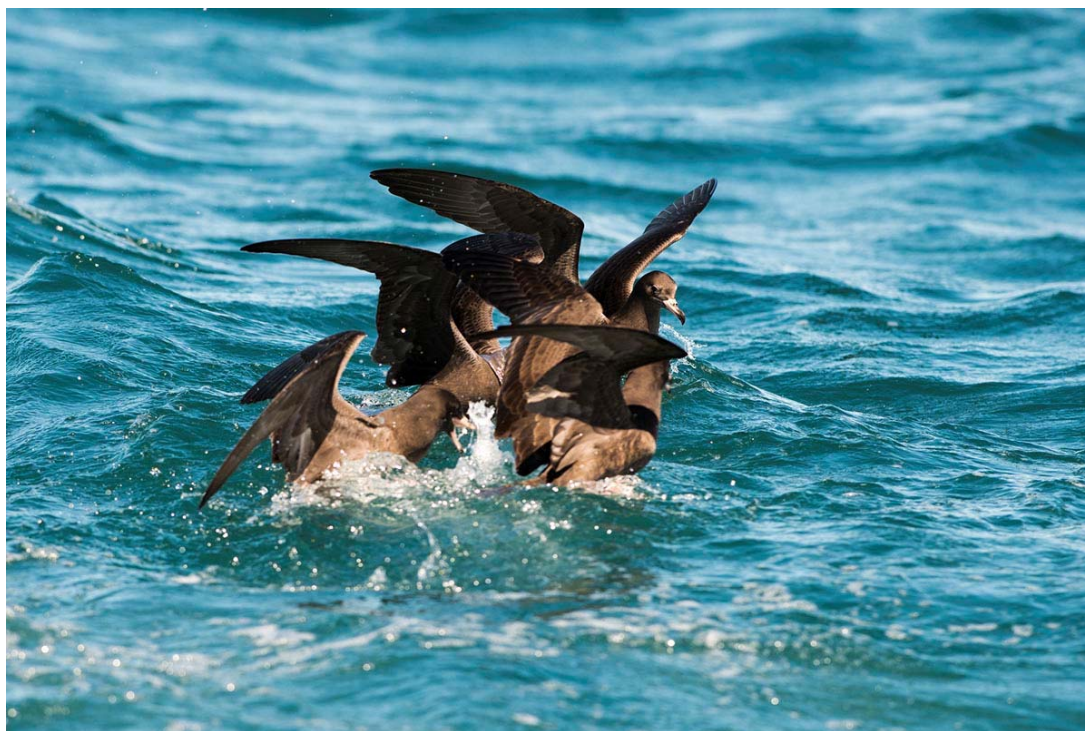
Cook Strait 19/11 3. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 1. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 150. Roaring Bay (Kaka Point, Nugget Point) 27/11 150.

**SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus tenuirostris*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 2. South Bay Pelagic 21/11 2.

**FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus carneipes*)

Gulf Harbour - Tiritiri Matangi Island 14/11 2. Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 500. Cook Strait 19/11 10.



**SHEARWATER SPECIES** (*Puffinus species*)

Cook Strait 19/11 6 (dark).

**NEW ZEALAND STORM PETREL** (*Oceanites maorianus*) **ENDEMIC**

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 10.

**WHITE-FACED STORM PETREL** (*Pelagodroma marina*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 400.

**COMMON DIVING PETREL** (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 30. Bluff - Oban 25/11 5. Oban - Bluff 27/11 2.



**AUSTRALASIAN GREBE** (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*)

Ormiston Road (Pond) 13/11 2.

**NEW ZEALAND GREBE** (*Poliiocephalus rufopectus*) **ENDEMIC**

Waivera 12/11 1. Ormiston Road (Pond) 13/11 4. Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 6. Waikanae Beach (Waimanu Lagoons) 19/11 2.

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** (*Podiceps cristatus*)

Lake Ianthe 22/11 1. Fiordland National Park (Te Anau - Milford Sound) 24/11 1. Omarama - Lake Poaka 28/11 1.

**ROYAL SPOONBILL** (*Platalea regia*)

Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 3. Horowhenua 19/11 1. Kuku Beach 19/11 5. Wairau Lagoons 20/11 115 (incl. juv.). Riverton 25/11 1. Invercargill Estuary 25/11 11, 27/11 10. Bluff - Oamaru 27/11 6.

**AUSTRALASIAN BITTERN** (*Botaurus poecilophus*)

Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 1-2 seen.

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea modesta*)

Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef 22/11 1.

**WHITE-FACED HERON** (*Egretta novaehollandiae*)

Common, 90 birds were counted doing the trip.

**LITTLE EGRET** (*Egretta garzetta*)

Kuku Beach 19/11 1.

**PACIFIC REEF-HERON** (*Egretta sacra*)

Motuara Island 20/11 1 (dark).

**AUSTRALASIAN GANNET** (*Morus serrator*)

Maukatia Bay (Westcoast) 12/11 1300. Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 3. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 75, 15/11 1. Gulf Harbour 15/11 1. Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 3000. Plimmerton 19/11 2. Cook Strait 19/11 45. Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 55. Picton - Kaikoura 20/11 1. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 1.





**LITTLE PIED CORMORANT** (*Microcarbo melanoleucos*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 3. Puketutu Island 12/11 1. Wenderholm Regional Park 12/11 1. Rurwai 12/11 1. Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 4. Warkworth - Auckland 17/11 1. Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 2. Plimmerton 19/11 1. Horowhenua 19/11 3. Waikanae Beach (Waimanu Lagoons) 19/11 2. Lake lanthe 22/11 2. Ohau 28/11 1.  
Note: Old name: Little Shag

**SPOTTED SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax punctatus*) **ENDEMIC**

Common in the Southern part of the Southern Island and on Steward Island.

**LITTLE BLACK CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)

We saw that species here and there, a total of 60 different birds.

Note: Old name: Little Black Shag

**PIED CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax varius*)

Common, 72 birds counted.

Note: Old name: Pied Shag

**GREAT CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Maukatia Bay (Westcoast) 12/11 1. Whangamata Wetland Reserve 17/11 10. Waikari Reserve 17/11 1. Hokitika 22/11 1. Wanaka - Te Anau 24/11 1. Bluff 25/11 1. Ohau 28/11 2.

**ROUGH-FACED SHAG** (*Leucocarbo carunculatus*) **ENDEMIC**

Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 22.

Note: Old name: King Shag

**BRONZE SHAG** (*Leucocarbo chalconotus*) **ENDEMIC**

Bluff 25/11 2. Stewart Island (Oban) 26/11 1. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 3. Oban - Glory Cove 26/11 1. Shag Point (Matakaea) 27/11 21 (incl. 9 dark).

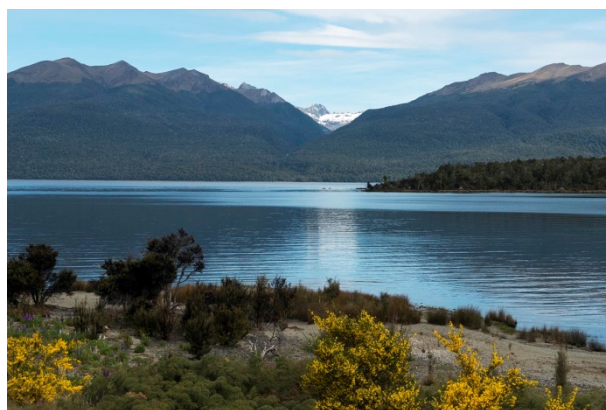
Note: Old name: Stewart Island Shag

**SWAMP HARRIER** (*Circus approximans*)

Very common.

**NEW ZEALAND FALCON** (*Falco novaeseelandiae*) **ENDEMIC**

Kaikoura - Arthur's Pass 22/11 1 (near Arthur's Pass). Lake Matheson 23/11 1 ad. and 1 imm. Fiordland National Park (Kepler Track) 25/11 2.



**WEKA** (*Gallirallus australis*) **ENDEMIC**

Kawau Island 16/11 3. Blumine Island Scenic Reserve 20/11 5. Fiordland National Park (Milford Sound) 24/11 1. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 2.

**BUFF-BANDED RAIL** (*Gallirallus philippensis*)

Sandspit Holiday Park 13/11 3 (incl. 1 pull.).

Note: Old name: Banded Rail

**BAILLON'S CRAKE** (*Porzana pusilla*)

Ohau 28/11 1 seen.

**SPOTLESS CRAKE** (*Porzana tabuensis*)  
Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 15/11 1 seen.

**PURPLE SWAMPHEN** (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)  
Common.

**TAKAHE** (*Porphyrio hochstetteri*) **ENDEMIC**  
Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 2.

**EURASIAN COOT** (*Fulica atra*)  
Wairau Lagoons 20/11 6. St. Annes Lagoon Wildlife Refuge 22/11 2.

**SOUTH ISLAND OYSTERCATCHER** (*Haematopus finschi*) **ENDEMIC**  
Common, 366 were counted. Highest number recorded 160 Miranda and Invercargill Estuary.  
Note: Old name: Pied Oystercatcher

**VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER** (*Haematopus unicolor*) **ENDEMIC**  
Common, 248 birds were counted. Highest number recorded was Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 70 (67 black).  
Riverton 25/11 100 (40 black).

**WHITE-HEADED STILT** (*Himantopus leucocephalus*)  
Puketutu Island 12/11 10. Waivera 12/11 1. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 2. Auckland - Turangi 17/11 2. Miranda 17/11 270. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 25. Manawatu River (Palmerston North) 18/11 4. Horowhenua 19/11 5. Kuku Beach 19/11 45. Lake Grassmere 20/11 6. Franz Josef - Wanaka 23/11 2. Wanaka - Te Anau 24/11 2. Invercargill Estuary 25/11 20. Bluff 27/11 2. Bluff - Oamaru 27/11 3. Oamaru - Twizel - Omarama 28/11 1. Lake Poaka 28/11 5. Lake Pukari 28/11 5. Omarama - Hornby 29/11 4. Lake Murray 29/11 14.

**BLACK STILT** (*Himantopus novaezelandiae*) **ENDEMIC**  
Lake Poaka 28/11 1. Lake Pukari 28/11 1. Lake Murray 29/11 1.  
Note: We also observed some hybrids between White-headed and Black stilt: Lake Poaka 28/11 2. Lake Pukari 28/11 2

**MASKED LAPWING** (*Vanellus miles*)  
Common.



**WRYBILL** (*Anarhynchus frontalis*) **ENDEMIC**

Miranda 17/11 160. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 1. Lake Pukari 28/11 2. Lake Ellesmere 29/11 2.

**NEW ZEALAND PLOVER** (*Charadrius obscurus*) **ENDEMIC**

Waivera 12/11 4. Wenderholm Regional Park 12/11 6. Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 9. Miranda 17/11 5. Kuku Beach 19/11 1.

**DOUBLE-BANDED PLOVER** (*Charadrius bicinctus*) **ENDEMIC**

Manawatu River (Palmerston North) 18/11 1. Waiaru River (near Spring Creek) 20/11 3. Kaikoura (Peninsula Sea Colony) 20/11 1. Wakapatu Beach 25/11 1. Lake Poaka 28/11 6. Lake Pukari 28/11 6. Ohau 28/11 2. Lake Ellesmere 29/11 8.

**BLACK-FRONTED DOTTEREL** (*Elseya melanops*)

Puketutu Island 12/11 1. Manawatu River (Palmerston North) 18/11 1. Horowhenua 19/11 1. Wairau Lagoons 20/11 1. Fiordland National Park (Milford Sound - Te Anau) 24/11 1.

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** (*Limosa lapponica*)

Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 86. Miranda 17/11 4000. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 275. Kuku Beach 19/11 25. Kaikoura (Peninsula Sea Colony) 20/11 2. Invercargill Estuary 25/11 300. Lake Ellesmere 29/11 1.

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** (*Arenaria interpres*)

Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 6. Miranda 17/11 2. Kaikoura (Peninsula Sea Colony) 20/11 3. Invercargill Estuary 25/11 2.

**RED KNOT** (*Calidris canutus*)

Miranda 17/11 475. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 50. Kuku Beach 19/11 1.

**RED-NECKED STINT** (*Calidris ruficollis*)

Lake Ellesmere 29/11 2.

**SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER** (*Calidris acuminata*)

Miranda 17/11 2. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 2.

**RED-BILLED GULL** (*Chroicocephalus scopulinus*)

Common.

**BLACK-BILLED GULL** (*Chroicocephalus bulleri*)

Miranda 17/11 700. Cook Strait 19/11 6. Picton 20/11 12. Picton - Kaikoura 20/11 1. Wanaka - Te Anau 24/11 458. Fiordland National Park (Te Anau - Milford Sound) 24/11 11. Te Anau - Bluff 25/11 14. Wakapatu Beach 25/11 25. Bluff - Oamaru 27/11 2. Oamaru - Twizel - Omarama 28/11 5. Ohau 28/11 1. Omarama 29/11 1. Ashburton 29/11 4000. Omarama - Hornby 29/11 3. Lake Murray 29/11 1. Hornby (Christchurch) 29/11 1.

**KELP GULL** (*Laus dominicanus*).

Common.

Note: Old name: Black-backed Gull

**GULL-BILLED TERN** (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 2.

**CASPIAN TERN** (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Wenderholm Regional Park 12/11 1. Rurwai 12/11 4. Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 11. Sandspit Holiday Park 13/11 1. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 15/11 1. Warkworth - Sandspit Harbour 16/11 15. Whangamata Wetland Reserve 17/11 1. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 6. Invercargill Estuary 25/11 2.

**FAIRY TERN** (*Sternula nereis*)

Waipu Wildlife Refuge 13/11 2.



**WHITE-FRONTED TERN** (*Sterna striata*)

Common.

**BLACK-FRONTED TERN** (*Chlidonias albostratus*)

Waiaru River (near Spring Creek) 20/11 9. Kaikoura - Arthur's Pass 22/11 1. Haast Pass - Wanaka 23/11 3. Oreti River (near Mossburn) 24/11 5. Fiordland National Park (Te Anau - Milford Sound) 24/11 11. Fiordland National Park (Milford Sound - Te Anau) 24/11 54. Oamaru - Twizel - Omarama 28/11 2. Lake Poaka 28/11 1. Ohau 28/11 3 (incl. 1 juv.). Omarama - Hornby 29/11 13.

**BROWN SKUA** (*Stercorarius antarcticus*)

Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2.

**PARASITIC JAEGER** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 2. Tiritiri Matangi Island - Gulf Harbour 15/11 1. Miranda 17/11 1. Waikanae Beach (Waimanu Lagoons) 19/11 1. Cook Strait 19/11 7. Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 3. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 2.

**NEW ZEALAND PIGEON** (*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 3. Kauri Coast Holiday Park 13/11 1. Tane Mahuta 13/11 1. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 1, 15/11 1. Kawau Island 16/11 2. Waikari Reserve 17/11 4. Motuara Island 20/11 1. Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef 22/11 4. Franz Josef - Wanaka 23/11 2. Lake Matheson 23/11 2. Te Anau - Bluff 25/11 2. Bluff 25/11 1. Stewart Island (Oban) 26/11 1.

**KEA** (*Nestor notabilis*)

Arthur's Pass 22/11 8. Fiordland National Park (Homer Tunnel) 24/11 1. Fiordland National Park (Monkey Creek) 24/11 3.



**NEW ZEALAND KAKA** (*Nestor meridionalis*)

Little Barrier Island 16/11 10. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 1. Haast Pass (Historic Bridle Track) 23/11 3. Fiordland National Park (Cascade Creek) 24/11 1. Stewart Island (Oban) 26/11 5. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 15.

**YELLOW-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus auriceps*)

Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 2.

Note: Old name: Yellow-fronted Parakeet

**MALHERBE'S PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus malherbi*)

Motuara Island 20/11 1.

Note: Old name: Orange-fronted Parakeet

**RED-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*)

Sandspit - Warkworth 13/11 1. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 6, 15/11 3. Stewart Island (Oban) 26/11 2. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 20.

Note: Old name: Red-fronted Parakeet

**YELLOW-CROWNED/RED-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus auriceps/novaezelandiae*)

Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 10.

**LONG-TAILED CUCKOO** (*Eudynamys taitensis*)

Tongariro National Park (Rotopounasmu Walk) 18/11 1 heard.

Note: Old name: Long-tailed Koel

**SHINING BRONZE-CUCKOO** (*Chrysococcyx lucidus*)

Maukatia Bay (Westcoast) 12/11 1 heard. Kawau Island 16/11 1 heard/seen. Horowhenua 19/11 1 heard/seen. Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 2 heard. Haast Pass (Historic Bridle Track) 23/11 1 heard. Bluff 25/11 1 heard.

**MOREPORK** (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)

Trounsi Kauri Park 12/11 1 heard. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 1 heard. Okarito 22/11 4 heard.

**SACRED KINGFISHER** (*Todiramphus sanctus*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 3. Puketutu Island 12/11 1. Maukatia Bay (Westcoast) 12/11 2. Kauri Coast Holiday Park 13/11 2. Kauri - Tane Mahuta t/r 13/11 1. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 7. Sandspit Holiday Park 13/11 4. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 4, 15/11 3. Waiaru River (near Spring Creek) 20/11 1.

**RIFLEMAN** (*Acanthisitta chloris*)

Tongariro National Park (Rotopounasmu Walk) 18/11 1 heard. Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 4 heard/seen. Fiordland National Park (Cascade Creek) 24/11 5 heard/seen. Fiordland National Park (Knob's Flat) 24/11 3 seen. Fiordland National Park (Kepler Track) 25/11 2 heard. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 2 seen.





**NEW ZEALAND ROCKWREN** (*Xenicus gilviventris*)

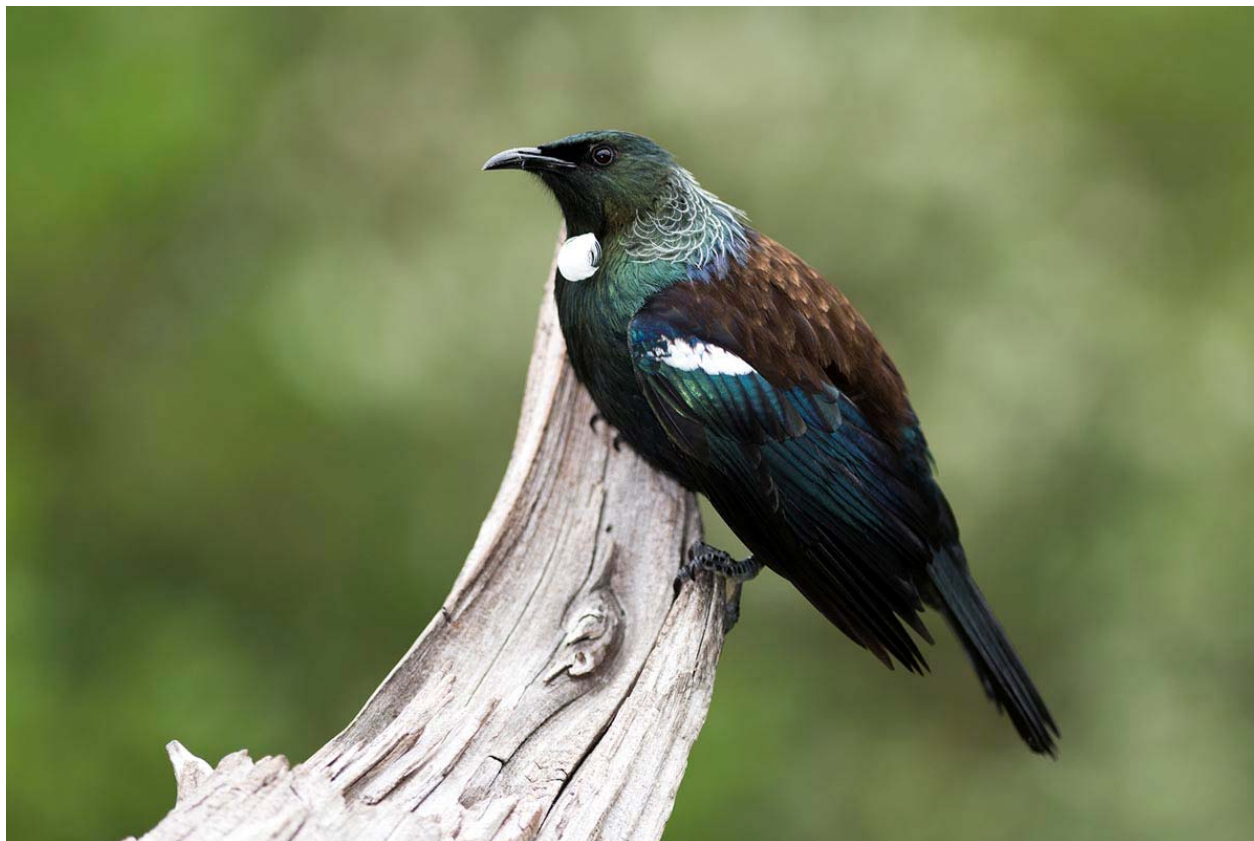
Fiordland National Park (Homer Tunnel) 24/11 1 male 1 female.

**NEW ZEALAND BELLBIRD** (*Anthornis melanura*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 125, 15/11 30. Motuara Island 20/11 6. Blumine Island Scenic Reserve 20/11 2. Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 1. Franz Josef Glacier 22/11 1. Okarito 22/11 2. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 15. Haast Pass (Historic Bridle Track) 23/11 2. Fiordland National Park (Knob's Flat) 24/11 1. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 25.

**TUI** (*Prothemadera novaeseelandiae*)

Common.



**GREY GERYGONE** (*Gerygone igata*)

Waivera 12/11 2. Kauri Coast Holiday Park 13/11 1. Tane Mahuta 13/11 1. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 1. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 1, 15/11 2. Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 1. Tongariro National Park (Rotopounasmu Walk) 18/11 2. Horowhenua 19/11 1. Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 12. Arthur's Pass 22/11 1. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 1. Fiordland National Park (Cascade Creek) 24/11 3. Fiordland National Park (Knob's Flat) 24/11 1. Fiordland National Park (Kepler Track) 25/11 7. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 9. Lake Pukari 28/11 1. Ohau 28/11 1.

Note: Old name: Grey Warbler

**YELLOWHEAD** (*Mohoua ochrocephala*)

Haast Pass (Historic Bridle Track) 23/11 2 heard/seen. Fiordland National Park (Cascade Creek) 24/11 3 heard/seen. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 2 seen.

**WHITEHEAD** (*Mohoua albicilla*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 10, 15/11 20. Tongariro National Park (Rotopounasmu Walk) 18/11 5.

**PIPIPI** (*Finschia novaeseelandiae*)

Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 5. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 6.

Note: Old name: Brown Creeper



**NORTH ISLAND KOKAKO** (*Callaeas wilsoni*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 3, 15/11 1.

**NORTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK** (*Philesturnus rufusater*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 10 (incl. 2 juv.), 15/11 10.

**SOUTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK** (*Philesturnus carunculatus*)

Motuara Island 20/11 3. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 2.

**STITCHBIRD** (*Notiomystis cincta*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 30.

**NEW ZEALAND FANTAIL** (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*)

Waivera 12/11 1. Kauri Coast Holiday Park 13/11 8. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 1. Sandspit Holiday Park 13/11 1. Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 4, 15/11 11. Waikari Reserve 17/11 6. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 1. Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 8. Fiordland National Park (Cascade Creek) 24/11 1. Duntroon (incl. Maori Rock Drawings) 28/11 1.

**TOMTIT** (*Petroica macrocephala*)

SOUTH ISLAND TOMTIT (TOMTIT) (*Petroica macrocephala macrocephala*)

Franz Josef Glacier 22/11 8. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 6. Fiordland National Park (Milford Sound) 24/11 1. Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 1.

NORTH ISLAND TOMTIT (TOMTIT) (*Petroica macrocephala toitoi*)

Tane Mahuta 13/11 1 heard. Tongariro National Park (Rotopounasmu Walk) 18/11 2 heard/seen.

**NEW ZEALAND ROBIN** (*Petroica australis*)

STEWART ISLAND ROBIN (NEW ZEEALAND ROBIN) (*Petroica australis rakiura*)

Rakiura National Park (Ulva Island) 26/11 10.

SOUTH ISLAND ROBIN (NEW ZEEALAND ROBIN) (*Petroica australis australis*)

Motuara Island 20/11 10.

NORTH ISLAND ROBIN (NEW ZEEALAND ROBIN) (*Petroica australis longipes*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14-15/11 8.

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** (*Alauda arvensis*)

Common.

**WELCOME SWALLOW** (*Hirundo neoxena*)

Common.

**FERNBIRD** (*Megalurus punctatus*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 1, 15/11 5.

**SILVEREYE** (*Zosterops lateralis*)

Auckland (Hotel Holiday Inn) 12/11 10. Puketutu Island 12/11 1. Waivera 12/11 2. Kauri Coast Holiday Park 13/11 8. Warkworth 14/11 1. Waikari Reserve 17/11 4. Kaikoura (Coast) 21/11 4. Kowhai River (Forest) 21/11 2. Franz Josef Glacier 22/11 2. Omarama 29/11 1.

**NEW ZEALAND PIPIT** (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*)

Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 1 (ca. 5 km before Tangiteroria).

Note: Old name: Australasian Pipit

## List of introduced Birds

### **CALIFORNIA QUAIL** (*Callipepla californica*)

Kauri 12/11 1 M. Tokaanu Wharf 17/11 2 males.

### **WILD TURKEY** (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 8. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 3. Auckland - Turangi 17/11 8. Te Anau - Bluff 25/11 1.

### **BROWN QUAIL** (*Coturnix ypsilophora*)

Tiritiri Matangi Island (Scientific Reserve) 14/11 3, 15/11 4. Turangi - Tongariro National Park t/r 18/11 2.

### **RED JUNGLEFOWL** (*Gallus gallus*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 1. Horowhenua 19/11 3 heard/seen.

### **COMMON PHEASANT** (*Phasianus colchicus*)

Puketutu Island 12/11 1 heard. Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves 18/11 1 heard.

Note: Old name: Ring-necked Pheasant

### **INDIAN PEAFOWL** (*Pavo cristatus*)

Kawau Island 16/11 1. Lake Matheson 23/11 1 heard. Duntroon (incl. Maori Rock Drawings) 28/11 1 heard (EM).

### **CAPE BARREN GOOSE** (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*)

St. Annes Lagoon Wildlife Refuge 22/11 4. Hokitika 22/11 2.

### **GREYLAG (FERAL) GOOSE** (*Anser anser*)

Horowhenua 19/11 4.

### **CANADA GOOSE** (*Branta canadensis*)

Auckland - Turangi 17/11 1. Whangamata Wetland Reserve 17/11 4. Horowhenua 19/11 15. Waikanae Beach (Waimanu Lagoons) 19/11 4. Wanaka - Te Anau 24/11 6. Oreti River (near Mossburn) 24/11 7. Fiordland National Park (Milford Sound - Te Anau) 24/11 75. Te Anau - Bluff 25/11 60. Lake Poaka 28/11 4. Ohau 28/11 6. Omarama - Hornby 29/11 12.

### **BLACK SWAN** (*Cygnus atratus*)

Common.

### **MALLARD** (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

Common.

### **COMMON PIGEON** (*Columba livia*)

Common.

Note: Old name: Feral Pigeon

### **AFRICAN COLLARED DOVE** (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*)

Silverdale - Waivera 12/11 3.

### **SPOTTED DOVE** (*Spilopelia chinensis*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 2. Puketutu Island 12/11 1.

### **EASTERN ROSELLA** (*Platycercus eximius*)

Auckland - Kauri 12/11 2. Waivera 12/11 2. Wenderholm Regional Park 12/11 2. Kauri - Warkworth 13/11 2.

### **LITTLE OWL** (*Athene noctua*)

Oxford 22/11 1.

### **AUSTRALASIAN MAGPIE** (*Gymnorhina tibicen*)

Common.

**COMMON MYNA** (*Acridotheres tristis*)

Common.

**COMMON STARLING** (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

Common.

**COMMON BLACKBIRD** (*Turdus merula*)

Common.

**SONG THRUSH** (*Turdus philomelos*)

Common.

**HOUSE SPARROW** (*Passer domesticus*)

Common.

**DUNNOCK** (*Prunella modularis*)

27 birds counted doing the tour.

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** (*Fringilla coelebs*)

Common.

**EUROPEAN GREENFINCH** (*Carduelis chloris*)

53 birds counted doing the trip.

**EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH** (*Carduelis carduelis*)

Common.

**COMMON REDPOLL** (*Carduelis flammea*)

Common.

**YELLOWHAMMER** (*Emberiza citrinella*)

Common.





## List of Mammals

### **EUROPEAN RABBIT** (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) (Vildkanin) **INTRODUCED**

Kauri 12/11 1. Wanaka - Te Anau 24/11 29. Oamaru - Twizel - Omarama 28/11 3.

### **EUROPEAN HARE** (*Lepus europaeus*) (Hare) **INTRODUCED**

Kaikoura - Arthur's Pass 22/11 1. Te Anau - Bluff 25/11 1. Lake Poaka 28/11 1. Omarama - Hornby 29/11 2. Lake Murray 29/11 1.

### **BRUSH-TAILED POSSUM** (*Trichosurus vulpecula*) **INTRODUCED**

Kauri 12/11 1.

### **STOUT** (*Mustela erminea*) (Lækat, Hermelin) **INTRODUCED**

Lake Pukari 28/11 1 (sp).

### **NEW ZEALAND FUR SEAL** (*Arctocephalus forsteri*)

Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 1. Picton - Kaikoura 20/11 35. Kaikoura (Peninsula Sea Coloni) 20/11 35, 21/11 45. Kaikoura - Arthur's Pass 22/11 1. Monro Beach (Monro Beach Walk) 23/11 1. Stewart Island Pelagic 26/11 2. Roaring Bay (Kaka Point, Nugget Point) 27/11 4. Shag Point (Matakaea) 27/11 5.

### **NEW ZEALAND SEALION (HOOKER'S SEALION)** (*Phocarctos hookeri*)

Stewart Island (Ocean Beach) 26/11 1 heard/seen.

### **SPERM WHALE** (*Phypeter macrocephalus*) (Kaskelot)

South Bay Pelagic 21/11 1.

### **SHORT-BEAKED COMMON DOLPHIN** (*Delphinus delphis*)

Hauraki Gulf Pelagic 16/11 10.

### **HECTOR'S DOLPHIN** (*Cephalorhynchus hectori*)

Bruce Bay 23/11 4. Mc Cracken's Rest 25/11 1.

### **SOUTHERN BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN** (*Tursiops truncatus*)

Marlborough Sounds (Queen Charlotte Sound) 20/11 6.

