

New Zealand Nov 24th - Dec 25th 2022

Including **Birding Down Under** Subantarctic Trip Dec 3rd-19th

Snares

Auckland

Macquarie (AUS)

Campbell

Antipodes

Bounty

Chathams



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New Zealand Storm Petrel, Marsden Cove Pelagic

BUS & FLIGHTS

BUS NOTTM-LHR £86.90 RTN (with £5 Change and go return option in case of delayed return flight)

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS United Airlines / Air Tahiti Nui **£1,1216.10**

23kg baggage + 7kg cabin.

22 NOV LHR 15.20 – 12.15 AKL +2. (32 HRS) VIA LAX & PPT

25 DEC AKL 15.50 – 17:55 LHR +1. (28HRS 40 MINS) VIA SFR

INTERNAL FLIGHTS

23kg baggage + 7kg cabin.

28 NOV AKL – IVC 10.10 – 12.10 Air New Zealand **£94**

24 DEC ZQN – AKL 18.00 – 19.45 Air New Zealand **£89**

LHR	HEATHROW
AKL	AUCKLAND
LAX	LOS ANGELES
PPT	PAPEETE
SFR	SAN FRANCISCO
IVC	INVERCARGILL
ZQN	QUEENSTOWN

CAR RENTAL (all pre-booked online)

AUCKLAND AIRPORT

Rental cars **247 £137 for 4 days**. Very easy to deal with and no problems.

INVERCARGILL AIRPORT

Europcar **£50 for 24 hrs**. Couldn't take payment from Credit or Debit card but let me have the car anyway.

QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT

SNAP Car Rental **£154 for 3 days**. Quick and easy to collect and drop off the cheaper "Mystery" car...which was just a car!

MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISAS

NEW ZEALAND NZETA NZ\$ 52 Online application. Valid for 2 years.

AUSTRALIA E VISITOR FREE Online application. Valid for 1 year. (Required for Macquarie Island)

USA ESTA US\$ 21 Online application. Valid for 2 years. (Required for Transit in USA)

EXCHANGE RATE £1 = 2NZ\$

ATM's No charge for withdrawals at **Bank of New Zealand BNZ**

TIME +13hrs ahead of GMT

SUNRISE 6am

SUNSET 8.40pm Auckland

SUNRISE 5.50am

SUNSET 9.15pm Bluff

Electrical sockets were the 2 angled flat pin type.

TOURS & TRIPS

WRYBILL TOURS MARSDEN COVE PELAGIC. NZ\$310 **PYCROFT'S PETREL**

Pelagic day trips | Wrybill Birding Tours, NZ (wrybill-tours.com)

OKARITO KIWI TOURS NZ\$95 **OKARITO KIWI**

Okarito Kiwi Tours Okarito West Coast New Zealand

EKO TOURS TRIP TO BLUEMINE ISLAND NZ\$169 **MALHERBE'S PARAKEET**

E-Ko Tours | Award Winning Tours of the Marlborough Sounds and Picton

BEAKS & FEATHERS NZ\$125 **SOUTHERN BROWN KIWI**

Kiwi Spotting on Stewart Island - Beaks & Feathers (beaksandfeathers.co.nz)

BIRDING DOWN UNDER WITH HERITAGE TOURS c£8879 www.heritage-expeditions.com

Main Deck Triple, but my cancelled WPO 2022 was transferred across with some discounts so I actually paid **£7651** in total.

BOOKS, MAPS, RECORDINGS ETC

LITERATURE

Oceanic Birds of the World

Howell & Zufelt

Albatrosses, Petrels & Shearwaters of the World

Onley & Scofield

Seabirds 2nd edition

Harrison

INTERNET TRIP REPORTS.

E-BIRD for new and current information and sites.

MAPSME to mark sites, hotels etc accurately, and to use as a Sat Nav.

SOUND RECORDINGS Merlin app for **New Zealand** with gaps filled in by **Xeno Canto**.

TRIP IN GENERAL



The main aim was to finally do the **Birding Down Under** trip after waiting 2 years due to Covid and also to slip in my remaining New Zealand targets while there. I booked a Pelagic from Marsden Cove with Sav Saville from Wrybill Tours for **Pycroft's Petrel**, and planned for **Otago Shag**, **Southern Brown Kiwi** and **Southern New Zealand Dotterel** prior to the BDU. The Dotterel is still only an IOC ssp but has a good possibility of being elevated in the future.

For after the BDU, I booked **Ian Coopers Okarito Kiwi Tour** and a day out to Bluemine Island with **Eko Tours** for **Malherbe's Parakeet**. All this required good timing, planning and a spot of luck as the weather in New Zealand is very unpredictable and I was also hoping for an unlikely summering Southern New Zealand Dotterel on the Awaruwa Bay.

The Birding Down Under trip with Heritage Tours was transferred over from the aborted West Pacific Odyssey 2020.

Everything worked out well with all planned events and flights/ car rentals going smoothly and the target birds located with only a bit of effort.

The BDU went well with the only omission really being Chatham Parakeet which appears to now be off their itinerary.

Although Captain Hans took the ship as close as he could to Mangere Island and we could see parakeet sps' from the deck, the distance was far too great to separate them from the Red-crowned or hybrid Red-crowned/ Chatham Parakeets which are also on there. We could have easily fitted in a zodiac trip around the island but for some reason this was not now on the itinerary. This was really the only disappointment of the trip.

Apart from this blot, we saw all the expected birds at each island with ease and were helped by the calm weather enabling zodiac trips to proceed at all the island sites and after stories of atrocious weather conditions on past expeditions, forcing Island stops to be abandoned, we considered ourselves quite fortunate and I often found myself just staring at the wildlife spectacles with a big grin on my face..... Penguins make everyone smile!

An unexpected bonus was being allowed to visit the **Sweetwater Conservation Area adjacent to the Tuku Reserve on Chatham Island** where we were shown **Magenta Petrels** at the breeding burrows for 200NZ\$ each as the birds were having a GPS transmitter removed and were being weighed. If the timing had been a few weeks before or after we could have also seen Chatham Petrels but they had already been in, paired and mated and had made their "Exodus" which is where they go back out to sea for a few weeks before returning to lay eggs.

The ship, Heritage Adventurer, was very luxurious and after a few nights in our triple birth and a water leak above us, we were transferred to the deck above and given two rooms, mine of which was a single with a great view out and more room but best of all no snoring for the rest of the trip! The food, as usual was fantastic but too good to miss so was difficult to avoid piling on the weight! Free beer or wine with meals was an unusual surprise and all the staff and crew were exceptionally good.

All in all, this was a superb trip with a few birders and new friends from across the globe, all combining to make it a very memorable cruise.



ITINERARY

TUES 22nd – 23rd NOV 2022. TRAVELLING. Helen dropped me at Nottingham for the 8am bus to LHR departing on time and arriving by noon. Checked in with United Airlines but only to LAX where I would have to collect my bag and re-check it in again at the Air Tahiti Nui desk ...a process which took about 2 hours. The LHR to LAX flight was nearly empty but the LAX to AKL was nearly full. Stopped for about 2 hrs at Papeete in Tahiti on route and before crossing the International Date Line just east of New Zealand thus arriving on 24th

24th TRAVELLING- WAIPU. Arrived in Auckland at 12.15 and spent nearly an hour waiting for the bag and then going through bio security having to get my tent "tested". Pretty straight forward for me but I could see others having issues with food in their baggage. Shuttle to 247 Car Rental which was very quickly sorted and away driving to **Waipu Cove Camp NZ\$ 78 for 3 nights** stopping off for a kebab cob, chips and a coke for NZ\$10, and a bottle of Southern Comfort for sleep acclimatisation purposes..... Tried to sleep at c 9pm but in and out till the wee hours before nodding off and waking up still semi-conscious at 9.30am.

25th WAIPU. My faithful old tent sprung a leak for the first time in 30 years in the night so I drove up to Whangeri to get some seam sealant but had to make do with duct tape.. not the best but it worked. Checked out a full English breakfast there and also dropped in to Marsden Cove to check it out before Sundays Pelagic. A bit more sorting out and then did a groggy walk up the beach in the late afternoon.

26th WAIPU. Crap nights sleep again! Up at 6am and birded at **Waipu estuary** area for an hour in the morning at high tide before heading back to Waipu Cove Camp. **Out again at low tide in the evening which was much better for birds.**



27th MARSDEN COVE PELAGIC. Up at 5.30 but after the first good nights sleep! Packed my gear and after a good breakfast from the Four Square shop in Waipu headed to Marsden Marina. Also on the tour was Matt Jones from the 2020 WPO leading a Wrybill Tour. We left at just after 10am and headed out in the swell and rain to an area north of the **Hen & Chicken Islands** for a spot of chumming. The drizzle didn't stop the birds from coming in thick and fast and we stayed in the area for a couple of hours with birds streaming in. We tried another area after but one of the Wrybill tour participants was throwing up so we went for a rest in the lee of the islands. Another brief stop south of the islands and we were done.

Back in the harbour at c 5.15pm and drove down to **Auckland** to the **Mount Richmond Hotel NZ\$113/night** and a luxurious bed!



28th TRAVELLING- SOUTH ISLAND. Up again at 5am and re-packed etc before dropping the car off and getting the flight to Invercargill. All good till trying to pay for the car when my card kept getting declined at the Europcar desk. Eventually sorted it? and off to **Nugget Point Lighthouse for Otago Shag**. Also looked near **Pounawea** on the way back to Invercargill where views were much better. Spent the evening sussing out the layout of Awarua Bay for Southern Red-breasted Dotterel and **slept in the car**.

29th **AWARUA BAY- STEWART ISLAND.** Up at 4.40am and started walking the 8km to the eastern end of Awarua Bay at 5.15 taking 1.5 hrs and arriving at high tide. Lots of waders but no Dotterel so walked back and tried a few spots before a last ditch attempt along the Tiwai spit.. Unbelievably found one on the last scan!! Back to Invercargill Airport by 2pm and got the bus to Bluff for the ferry to Oban on Stewart Island 5.15-6.15pm. Stopped at **Stewart Island Backpackers** camping NZ\$ 25/ night. All shops closed at 7pm so just managed to get a last bar meal at the Pub by the beach. A few hours' daylight kip then out in the rain till 2am.



Camping at Stewart Island Backpackers



30th **STEWART ISLAND.** Up at 08.30 and slowly sorted wet gear out, got some breakfast, and booked a tour with **Beaks and Feathers** for a **Kiwi Tour to the Airstrip for tonight NZ\$125**. They had cancelled last night due to the weather while I was wandering around in the rain.... Spent the rest of the day organising the next steps of the trip and a few walks around Oban. Out at 9pm and headed down to watch the **Blue Penguins at the Wharf till c 10.15pm** then went to Beaks and Feathers for the 1.5 hr tour to the **Airstrip for the Kiwis**. The Airstrip and access road are private, gated and apparently patrolled.

Dec 1st STEWART ISLAND- QUEENSTOWN. Up at 5.30 and got all the gear and tent down and under cover just as the rain came down. Down to the wharf by 7am and booked on and enquired about a **bus to Queenstown**. Managed to book a lift with Catchabus for NZ\$75 from Invercargill Airport taking c 2.5 hrs and being delivered straight to the **Lakeside Backpackers NZ\$36**. Dried the gear out, washed clothes, Met Mike Hunter and had a wander round Queenstown before downing a few Bacardis at the Lodge and having the best deep sleep for many years !

2nd **QUEENSTOWN.** Up at 9.40am fully refreshed! Checked out just after 10.30am and walked to the **Black Sheep Backpackers NZ\$41**, a little more expensive, but lots better. Rest of the day sorting photos and trip reports and relaxing for a change.

3rd **QUEENSTOWN.** Up at 8.30 and again for a little photography by the lake. **Transferred to The Copthorne Hotel** nearby and then officially on the **Birding Down Under trip**. Dinner at 7pm was too much food!! Went back to the room stuffed at 8.30pm.

4th **QUEENSTOWN-BLUFF- SHIP.** Up c 6.30 and breakfast and a walk to the town lake. Lunch at 11.30 and then the bus to Bluff where we boarded the ship. Hours of talking, an evacuation drill and dinner only left an hour or so birding as we set south. Bed at 10pm.



5th **SNARES ISLAND.** Crap nights sleep due to rolling. Up at dawn and seawatching off the ship till the 9am zodiac trip around **Soldier Bay** for 2 hrs cruising up and down the coast, close inshore and up some creeks a little. Away by c midday heading south to the Auckland Islands.



6th **ENDERBY ISLAND, AUCKLAND.** Woke up anchored at **Enderby Island in the Auckland islands and ashore by 9.30am.** We then all had to walk together, those 50 or so who had chosen to do the long walk, in a line for the c15km walk around the NE coast of the island. This was made bearable early on as a Subantarctic Snipe was found quickly which meant that the recommended tactic of being at the front could be ditched early on and I stayed at or near the back away from the crowd. **Had a superb day in the sunshine on a wildlife-filled island. Back on the zodiacs at 4.30pm quickly passing the snarling Fur Seals on the beach.**

7th **AT SEA.** All day on deck sea watching, calm and mostly quite sunny, travelling to Macquarie Island.

8th **MACQUARIE ISLAND.** We arrived here about 8am in the rain and within 2 hours were in the zodiacs in lumpy seas trying to get views of breeding Southern Rockhoppers and Macquarie Shags before **landing further north on the beach amongst thousands of King and Royal Penguins.** We spent a further 2 hrs along the beach and also up along a boardwalk to the Royal Penguin breeding colony. Rain for the entire excursion soaked everyone but the weather changed to become drier and brighter by the evening. Sundown after 10pm.



9TH **MACQUARIE ISLAND.** Morning zodiac excursion at **Lusitania Bay** for 1.5 hrs then sailed up to the north of the island to have a land walk around the research station there but too much swell to land and also a zodiac driver got injured as he was being winched back onto the ship. Another zodiac driver had also been thrown into the water earlier on so this wasn't quite going well today.

10th **AT SEA.** Woke to the room flooded from a burst pipe above on floor 4 so got another room all to myself for free! Very calm and sunny conditions on the way to Campbell Island.



11th **CAMPBELL ISLAND.** Woke up arriving at Campbell Island and made our way to anchor in **Perseverance Bay**. Out for a shoreline zodiac trip at 9.30am with a little time out at sea drifting with some seabirds before returning for lunch at 1.30pm. Out again at 2.30pm to the shore where we walked the boardwalk till 7pm. Then cruised north passing the Campbell Albatross breeding cliffs at **Bull Rock** while having dinner.

12th **AT SEA.** All day at sea travelling north to the Antipodes Islands in calm seas with little wind all day.

13th **ANTIPODES ISLAND.** Woke to within sight of Antipodes Island in calm seas and clear skies with little wind. Anchored on the north east side and did a 3 hr zodiac cruise along the sheltered coasts and bays. After lunch we did another zodiac 3hr coastal cruise from a repositioned anchorage a little further south.



14th BOUNTY ISLANDS. Woke at 5am to dense sea fog in thick patches. **Zodiac cruise within the Bounties 7.30-9.30am** as the fog lifted for us revealing the fantastic sight of thousands of nesting seabirds and Fur Seals. Stunning. We then tracked north in windy seas which delivered a steady stream of warmer water seabirds.



15th PYRAMID ROCK TO SOUTH-EAST ISLAND Out at 5.15am until arriving at **Pyramid Rock at 9am**. Circled the rock twice then made for South-East Island where we did a long zodiac ride around the island before sailing unsuccessfully around Mangere Island where we saw a few Parakeet sp's in flight only and way too distant to identify to species. We then repositioned to The Horns, just off the south west tip of Chatham Island to wait for Magenta Petrels to come ashore.... which never happened.

16th CHATHAM ISLAND. Zodiac to shore at **Waitangi** at 7.30 am and taken by bus and 4x4 to the **Magenta Petrel Reserve at Sweetwater** where we were shown 2 Magenta Petrels at their burrow. Absolutely superb being allowed to see these individuals so close as a GPS transmitter was removed and the birds weighed in front of us by Dave Boyle and his DOC assistants. After this we were allowed to walk the reserve away from the Magenta Petrel Reserve and were then bussed back to Waitangi. Up-anchored at c 6pm and started the 2 day trip back directly to Bluff having a BBQ at the back of the ship in the evening.

17th to 18th AT SEA all day often in dense sea mist/fog

19th TRAVELLING-OKARITO. Awoke, docked in Bluff, and left the ship at c 9.30am on the bus direct to Queenstown Airport arriving c 12.00 noon. SNAP car rental quick and easy and started driving to Okarito at 1pm. Arrived at 6pm and put the tent up in the sunshine at the **superb campsite (NZ\$15)** c150m from Ian Coopers house. Walked over at 8pm for the start of the tour. This was no ordinary tour and Ian involved all 6 of us as a team to work together to help everyone have the best chance of seeing the Kiwi. It worked well and we had 2 sightings, one of which was a stunning 1+ minute view of a male which came out of the dense bush right where Ian placed us in advance and showing at our feet! Fantastic views and experience for all 6 of us. Magic!

20th **TRAVELLING** Up late and **drove up to Picton** arriving in torrential rain and wind. Stayed at the **Atlantis Backpackers** **NZ\$26** and close to Eko Tours.



21st **BLUEMINE ISLAND-TRAVELLING.** Up at 6 and got ready for the Eko Tours trip to Bluemine Island at 8am. The weather had now cleared and I was dropped at the island at 9.30am. Luckily, I saw a bird straight away but then DOC arrived and spent 30 minutes noisily strimming the area where I was looking! Collected again at 11am and back to Picton. Left Picton at 1pm driving as far south as I could get by just after 11pm.

22nd **TRAVELLING-QUEENSTOWN** Slept or rather didn't sleep in the car till about 6.30am when I started driving on to Queenstown. Checked in to the **Blacksheep Backpackers** this time **NZ\$69/ night**. Took the car back and walked the 5 miles back to the Backpackers. Cleaned up, another Four Square meal and some rum.....YUM!



23rd **QUEENSTOWN**

24th **QUEENSTOWN –AUCKLAND** Arrived at 8pm and after a bit of investigation realised the Domestic Terminal would be closed from midnight to 5am so scrolled through Booking.com for a cheap hotel with a free shuttle and ended up at the **Airport Gateway Hotel** **NZ\$89** inc free shuttles.

25th **FLIGHT HOME.** Good nights kip and a clean up, repacked and away to the Airport at 11am.

26th **ARRIVE HOME.**



1. **SOUTHERN BROWN KIWI (Stewart Island)** (*Apteryx australis lawryi*)

3 Ad types and 2 small imms, Nov 30th, Stewart Island on a Beaks and Feathers tour to Oban Airfield at 10.30pm, which is a private and gated area. After walking the environs of Oban the night before in the rain and seeing nothing I decided the best way to catch up on sleep was to bite the bullet and pay for a tour. I'm glad I did as the tour gained access to the best area for these superb birds and with the short grass, allowed for photos out in the open. Easily located by thermal scope or the guide with a red torch and watched down to 2m at times as they fed constantly. Fantastic birds to watch at such close quarters probing for food like sewing machines.

The older birds were very confiding and approached us to within a few feet while feeding and even ignored the talking amongst the tour group. Angie, the guide suggested the tip of changing the red images to monochrome (above) which gives a more natural image and even appears to sharpen up the images taken on very high ISO with the very dim red torchlight.

Quite a large Kiwi, the first older bird showing a very long bill. The other 2 adult types had noticeably shorter bills and the 2 juveniles were like fluffy balls with very short bills. These were much more wary and didn't allow approach less than 20m before running off into the dense bush.

Only heard calling once at the airfield and not at all the night before in the rain from dusk to c 2am.

2. **OKARITO KIWI** (*Apteryx rowi*) A pair, Dec 19th Okarito on the night out with Ian Cooper with individuals seen at c 11.10 and 11.35pm. Started the tour with Ian Cooper and 5 others at 8pm at his house in Okarito. Ian uniquely explained how to behave and work together to get the best chance of everyone seeing the Kiwi. He also threw in some local myths and stories enhancing the tour before we actually started listening and waiting as dusk approached. Ian explained what to expect and showed diagrams of the local birds territories and where we would be searching. After driving a short distance we walked a further 2 km into the bush and started listening while Ian checked another territory nearby using his transmitter receiver. The males have a transmitter fitted to their leg to help locate them and their nests as the DOC were previously translocating the eggs for their protection, ie from Wekas, rats etc. However, the 600 birds present in the area are now looking after their own eggs as predator eradication has been very successful.

Ian got us onto a female crossing the track just after 11pm but as she did not have a transmitter on Ian knew the male was still on the far side of the track. After c 30minutes, the male then called and the female called back. Ian quickly assembled us at a point on the track where he thought the male would cross as he moved towards the female. Within a minute or so we could hear the male close by and when Ian turned on the torch we were treated to a spectacular view of the male 3ft away. We remained still as the bird snuffled a bit at us working out what we were while slowly walking left and right for about a minute, until deciding to squeeze past 2 of the groups legs and away to get to the female!

This has to be the best way to see these birds with minimal disturbance and a great chance to get up close and personal !

3. **Australian Shelduck** (*Tadorna tadornoides*) 3 females flying around together on Dec 7th at Auckland Island.

4. **Paradise Shelduck** (*Tadorna variegata*) Small groups frequently noted in North, South and Stewart Island.



5. **AUCKLAND TEAL** (*Anas aucklandica*) 5 birds (4 adults and 1 Juv), Dec 6th Enderby Island, the northernmost of the Auckland Islands. First seen were an Ad and a juv feeding in amongst the kelp along the coast, then a few miles further on, a lone bird (photo top) walked from the sea to preen on the shoreline rocks and lastly was a pair sheltering in a shallow grassy ditch allowing very close approach (lower photos). All birds seen along the eastern coastline from Sandy Bay round to the northern end of the boardwalk.



6. **CAMPBELL TEAL** (*Anas nesiotis*) 4, Dec 11th Perseverance Bay, Campbell.
2 birds well camouflaged along the northern inlet shoreline on the zodiac trip and a close pair at the afternoon zodiac landing at the research station. Strange, heavy, rear-ended look noticeable when creeping away from the shoreline into the tussock grass.



7. **New Zealand Scaup** (*Aythya novaeseelandiae*) A group of c20 at Queenstown Wharf.

8. **New Zealand Pigeon (New Zealand)** (*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*) 2 from the Marsden Cove Pelagic.



9. **CHATHAM PIGEON** (*Hemiphaga chathamensis*)
About 20 birds, Dec 16th in various groups in the Tuku Reserve, Chatham Island, in the grasslands and forest edge.



10. **Weka** (*Gallirallus australis hectori*) 1, Dec 16th on the Tuku Reserve, and 4+ on Bluemine Island (above).
11. **Australasian Swamphen** (*Porphyrio melanotus*) Common on North, and less so on South Island.
12. **Great Crested Grebe** (*Podiceps cristatus australis*) 3+ Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown.
13. **South Island Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus finschi*) Common on South Island.



14. **Variable Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus unicolor*) Common on all islands with the partially white phases seen on North Island and only all dark birds seen on South and Stewart Islands.



15. **CHATHAM OYSTERCATCHER** (*Haematopus chathamensis*) 2, Dec 15th South-East Island, Chathams, and 2 in a small bay at Waitangi on Chatham Island on Dec 16th. Note small size, bill and legs and blurred border between black and white breast sides.
16. **Pied Stilt** (*Himantopus leucocephalus*) 4 birds at Awarua Bay and 2 at Bluff.
17. **Masked Lapwing (Black-shouldered)** (*Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*) Commonly noted on North and South Island, frequently with well grown chicks.
18. **Wrybill** (*Anarhynchus frontalis*) A summer plumaged adult at Awarua Bay at the eastern end high tide roost Nov 29th.
19. **Pacific Golden Plover** (*Pluvialis fulva*) 2 birds at Awarua Bay at the eastern end high tide roost Nov 29th.



20. **New Zealand Plover (Northern)** (*Charadrius obscurus aquilonius*) 20-30 birds, some in breeding plumage, at Waipu River Mouth Refuge. The best time was at low tide when most birds were seen and often quite approachable.



New Zealand Plover (Southern) (*Charadrius obscurus obscurus*) 1, Nov 29th Awarua Bay at the Tiwai spit was a surprise find. After walking the 16km return to the high tide wader roost at the eastern end of Awarua Bay by dawn, and seeing none there, and also checking a few other places before the car had to be returned I got to the Tiwai Spit for a last desperate check. Here I found a dog walker casting the Kelp Gull colony into the air and instead booked the Stewart Island ferry and bus while waiting for things to calm down. With 30 minutes left I gave it a go and walked out to the spit and with the last sweep of the bins found a partially summer plumaged Southern New Zealand Plover in a group of Bar-tailed Godwits and Turnstones. I scoped it and got a few record shots before a Kelp Gull spooked the flock and off it went south across the estuary. A blue leg flag was noted on the right leg.



21. **Double-banded Plover** (*Charadrius bicinctus*) c15 Awarua basin.



Double-banded Plover (Auckland) (*Charadrius bicinctus exilis*) c6 in all on Dec 6th at Auckland Island.



22. **SHORE DOTTEREL** (*Thinornis novaeseelandiae*) 20, Dec 15th South-East Island, Chathams. These were the only individuals seen although easy to see here. Also noted was a white individual although it was too distant to see if it was albino or leucistic. Fantastic birds, the shape of which reminded me of Diademed Sandpiper-plover.

23. **Bar-tailed Godwit (Siberian)** (*Limosa lapponica baueri/menzbieri*) 100+ Waipu River Mouth and 200+ at Awarua Bay.
24. **Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*) 2 Waipu and 20+ Awarua Bay.
25. **Knot** (*Calidris canutus*) 4, Marsden estuary and 6 Awarua Bay.
26. **Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*) 1, Awarua Bay.
27. **Red-necked Stint** (*Calidris ruficollis*) c10-15, Awarua Bay.



28. **SUBANTARCTIC SNIPE** (*Coenocorypha aucklandica aucklandica*) 5 birds, Dec 7th Enderby (Auckland) Island.
Superb, close views sometimes at my feet as they scuttled about like rats in the tussock grass and rat runs amongst the other grasses and shrubs. A few brief views followed by a freezing bird 1.5m away and then a pair, one of which was easy to follow as it threaded its way through the vegetation. Also, 7-8 birds calling but not seen on Campbell Island along the boardwalk.



29. **Silver Gull (Red-billed)** (*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae scopulinus*) Common on all Islands south to Auckland Island.



30. **Black-billed Gull** (*Chroicocephalus bulleri*) 3 birds at Awarua Bay at the eastern end high tide roost Nov 29th. Up to 9 birds at Queenstown waterfront coming to bread, sitting on the wharf wall waiting to be fed.



31. **Kelp Gull (Kelp)** (*Larus dominicanus dominicanus*) Common on all Islands.

32. **Caspian Tern** (*Hydroprogne caspia*) Up to 6 most days in the Waipu area.

33. **Fairy Tern** (*Sternula nereis davisae*) 1, Waipu River Mouth Refuge at low tide.



34. **White-fronted Tern** (*Sterna striata*) Several at Waipu Cove and 1 on the Snares and commonly noted from just south of Pyramid Rock north.



35. **Antarctic Tern (Antarctic)** (*Sterna vittata* [vittata-group]) 10 on Snares with fledged young. A pair on Enderby (Auckland Island) and 1 on Macquarie Island, and several on Campbell Island.

36. **Black-fronted Tern** (*Chlidonias albobstriatus*) 3 birds flying over near Omarama after waking up in the car.



37. **Brown Skua (Subantarctic)** (*Stercorarius antarcticus lonnbergi*) Several birds on Snares, Auckland and Macquarie Islands where some incubating birds and Seal attending birds on the beach. Also seen on all the other islands in small numbers.
Note* Harrison (2021) has the birds on Chathams, Stewart Island and probably Snares Island as an undescribed ssp of Subantarctic Skua which he names "Chatham Brown Skua"
38. **Long-tailed Skua** (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) Winter-plumaged bird Dec 16th. Elegant and tern-like flight, light and buoyant with little white on pp's and attenuated rear end contrastingly barred black and white.



39. **King Penguin** (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*) Thousands on Macquarie Island at several colonies along the eastern coastline. Fantastic birds with personalities to match.

40. **Gentoo Penguin** (*Pygoscelis papua*) A single bird at sea from the zodiac at Macquarie.



41. **Little Penguin** (*Eudyptula minor*) 6, Nov 27th on the Marsden Cove Pelagic, seen both out to sea and also on the return in the inlet to the marina (ssp *iredalei*). 5 birds in the evening of Nov 30th at Stewart Island Wharf at 10pm (ssp *minor*) and 2. Dec 15th off South-East Island (ssp *chathamensis*).



42. **Yellow-eyed Penguin** (*Megadyptes antipodes*) 20+, Enderby (Auckland) Island on the grassy edges of the beaches and even tops of the sheer cliffs looking very precarious. Usually alone or in small groups up to 5 birds. Also 3+ at Campbell Island.



43. **ROYAL PENGUIN** (*Eudyptes schlegeli*) 4000+, Dec 7th and 8th Macquarrie Island down the eastern coastline and in noisy groups out to sea. Again hard to count but always in with the King Penguins along the shoreline. The colony consisted only of Royals and was really tightly packed with aggressive birds pecking at any other passing bird. Most birds were pale faced types.



44. **SOUTHERN ROCKHOPPER PENGUIN (Eastern)** (*Eudyptes chrysocome filholi*) c200 on Dec 7th and 500 at another site further south on 8th on Macquarie Island down the east side. These birds were only viewable from distant bumpy zodiac excursions so the views were not the best. These colonies were up very steep hillsides behind a rocky edge unlike the flatter beach entries to the King and Royal Penguin colonies. These Eastern birds are currently lumped in with Southern Rockhoppers. 1 at Campbell Island, and lots at the Antipodes where much better views were had.



45. **SNARES PENGUIN** (*Eudyptes robustus*) c500 on Dec 5th at Soldier Bay on Snares Island. Great views from the zodiac as the birds sat on the rocks or at small colonies along the tree-lined river inlets there.



46. **ERECT-CRESTED PENGUIN** (*Eudyptes sclateri*) 1000+ (?) Dec 13th at the Antipodes along the shoreline and even more at the Bounty Islands where more approachable. Great birds to watch.

COMPARISON OF CRESTED PENGUINS WHEN DRY (-ISH!)



Erect-crested



Snares



Southern Rockhopper



Royal

47. **Wilson's Petrel (Wilson's)** (*Oceanites oceanicus oceanicus/exasperatus*) 3, Campbell Island.

48. **Grey-backed Storm Petrel** (*Garrodia nereis*) Noted as commoner further south towards Macquarie Island and often seen attending floating kelp miles out to sea. Fewer sightings north to Chathams.



49. **White-faced Storm Petrel** (*Pelagodroma marina*) 30+, Marsden Cove Pelagic, usually permanent over the chum slick. Fantastic views with birds skating and bouncing over the water. 2 birds on Dec 5th in the Snares area. Also common approaching the Chathams and then on to Bluff.



50. **Black-bellied Storm Petrel** (*Fregetta tropica*) Sometimes common out at sea usually more northerly than the Grey-backed. Often hard to see the black belly stripe due to the high angle of viewing and the low, sea-skimming habits of the birds.



51. **New Zealand Storm Petrel** (*Fregetta maoriana*) 4+ Marsden Cove Pelagic, 3+, at one spot and 1+ at the other chumming spot. Much better views than from the WPO 2020 showing to a few metres despite being thrown about in the boat in choppy seas. Quite black-looking in the field as they jinked about in the chum slick.
52. **Wandering Albatross** (*Diomedea exulans*) Several good birds noted on Dec 7th near Auckland and Enderby Islands. These birds showed a lot of white in the upperwing and pink or orange stains on the neck sides. Aka Snowy Albatross.



53. **Antipodean Albatross (New Zealand)** (*Diomedea antipodensis antipodensis*) c15 on Dec 13th Antipodes Island. All birds identified showed at least some obvious dark cap and all dark tails along with variable amounts of darker collaring and mostly dark upperwings. There were birds present that looked similar if not identical to Gibson's and were left as such. This was the first and only place where we saw birds marked like this.

Antipodean Albatross (Gibson's) (*Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni*) Several birds noted on the southern half of the BDU trip.



54. **Southern Royal Albatross** (*Diomedea epomophora*) 26+ noted with c20 of those at Enderby Island, many at the breeding colony along the boardwalk there. They look so much bigger flying past at eye level over land ! Common at Campbell Island where breeding.

55. **Northern Royal Albatross** (*Diomedea sanfordi*) Nearly always a couple of birds with the ship from the Chathams.



56. **Light-mantled Albatross** (*Phoebastria palpebrata*) Started seeing these on Dec 6th at Auckland Island and usually had 1 or 2 visiting the ship till Campbell Island where several breeding pairs.
57. **Black-browed Albatross** (*Thalassarche melanophris*) 1 on Dec 9th Macquarie Island.
A colony of several hundred on some cliffs when leaving the Antipodes.



58. **CAMPBELL ALBATROSS** (*Thalassarche impavida*) 1-2 birds, Dec 5th near the Snares showed well enough to be identified. Another good feature apart from the pale iris was the more extensive black mask especially in front of the eye. The more extensive black coloration to the underwing was also proven to be quite reliable in all birds positively identified. Thousands on the breeding cliffs at Bull Rock Campbell Island.



White-capped



Salvin's

59. **Shy Albatross (White-capped)** (*Thalassarche cauta* steady) 4+ Bluff to dusk.

60. **Salvin's Albatross** (*Thalassarche salvini*) 20+ Dec 5th around Snares Island. Thousands on the Bounty Islands and a few following the ship from the Chathams.



61. **CHATHAM ALBATROSS** (*Thalassarche eremita*) Entire World Population, Dec 15th Pyramid Rock, Chathams.



62. **Grey-headed Albatross** (*Thalassarche chrysostoma*) 3 imms at Campbell Island.



Northern



63. **Buller's Albatross** (*Thalassarche bulleri*)

4 birds at Snares Island where breeding site is of the nominate Southern race **bulleri**.

1 on 13th north of Bounty Island and C20, Dec 15th South East Island and Pyramid Rock, Chathams of the Northern race **platei**.



Northern



Southern

COMPARISON OF NORTHERN & SOUTHERN BULLERS ALBATROSS BILL & HEAD PATTERNS



64. **Southern Giant Petrel** (*Macronectes giganteus*) Started seeing these brutes at Macquarrie Island, where at least 3 white birds were seen and several others showed contrasting whitish head and necks. The last sighting was at the Antipodes.

65. **Northern Giant Petrel** (*Macronectes halli*) Regular in small numbers.

66. **Cape Petrel** (*Daption capense*) Mainly of the darker race australe but a few of the capense (or intermediate?) race near Snares.



Broad-billed Prion



Antarctic Prion



Fairy Prion nominate ssp near Hen & Chicken Islands

PRIONS; Difficult to identify with less than very good views. Mike the guide gave some good tips and clues to their identities. The easiest was Broad-billed with their huge heads and steep foreheads and steady, relaxed flight. Atlantic had well-marked facial patterns and flew more erratically. Fairys and Fulmars had the black tail band extending to the uppertail covs. For Fairy/Fulmar Prion separation see Fulmar Prion below.

67. **Broad-billed Prion** (*Pachyptila vittata*) Common on Dec 5th near the Snares when the Antarctic Prions were suddenly replaced by these with their obviously huge heads with steep foreheads. Started seeing this sp again between Bounty and Pyramid Rock. Several from Chatham to Bluff. Slow and steady flight gave the first clue as to their identity (Photo top left).
68. **Antarctic Prion** (*Pachyptila desolata*) The usual Prion species around the ship in the south, sometimes numbering flurries of thousands. Photo top right.
69. **Fairy Prion** (*Pachyptila turtur*) 20+ on the Marsden Cove Pelagic, photo above. Hundreds, Bluff to dusk, and probably a few more these southern birds of the paler, less distinctly marked Subantarctic ssp *subantarctica*.



70. **FULMAR PRION** (*Pachyptila crassirostris*) c20+ Dec 13th, Antipodes Island. C20 Bounty Islands on 15th. Apparently identical birds and behaviour on the Antipodes and Bounty Islands where birds seen patrolling rock faces and boulders and occasionally landing for short periods, as well as photos showing identical bill structure with the large nail ending almost at the tip of the nostrils. The Antipodes are not listed as a breeding location for Fulmar Prion. Very similar to Fairy Prion but when seen well showed a larger bill nail, the proximal end of which ended near or at the distal tip of the nostril. The whitish 'super' was also very indistinct with little or no dark mask and the underparts were washed a darker blue-grey across the breast, down the flanks and across the vent. The forehead also appeared to slightly bulge forward. Good photos proved essential.



71. **White-headed Petrel** (*Pterodroma lessonii*) c30 Dec 8th and thereafter erratically noted with 15+ on Dec 13th when leaving the Antipodes.



72. **MOTTLED PETREL** (*Pterodroma inexpectata*) 4+ on Dec 4th Bluff to dusk flying close at times and parallel with the ship in the evening and crossing the bows were superb birds. A further 60+ noted round the islands to Bounty Island. Got to be one of the best looking Pterodromas.

73. **Grey-faced Petrel** (*Pterodroma gouldi*) 20+ between Bounty and Pyramid Rock and thereafter regularly noted in small numbers.



74. **MAGENTA PETREL** (*Pterodroma magentae*) 2, Dec 16th at the Sweetwater Reserve, Chatham Island, shown to us by Dave Boyle and his DOC assistants. The first bird removed from the burrow was weighed photod and replaced quickly and the second bird to be removed had its tail GPS transmitter removed before being weighed and then being replaced back in the same burrow. A fantastic experience being allowed to watch this work in the natural settings and a chance to contribute towards their conservation directly. There were 49 breeding pairs and maybe the same number of non-breeders which is the world population thanks to Dave and his team. A lot of hard work has gone into this project including c 20km walking every day to check burrows and birds and also traps. Dave told us that any birds nesting outside the predator fence were always taken by cats, rats, stoats or Wekas. Dave has done a tremendous amount of work along with the owners of the reserve and DOC to bring this bird back from the brink of extinction. Local Heroes.

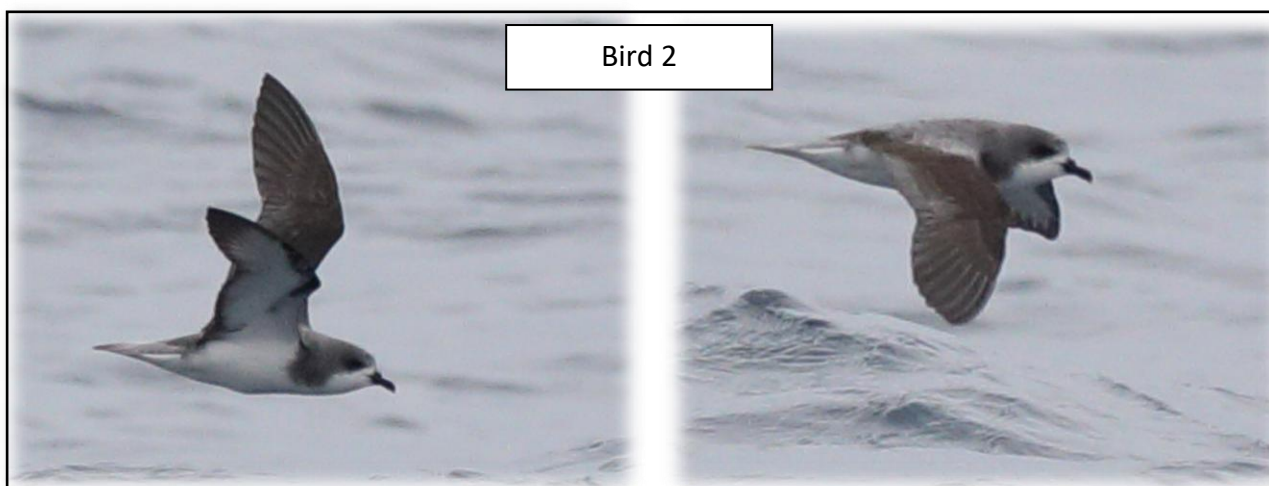
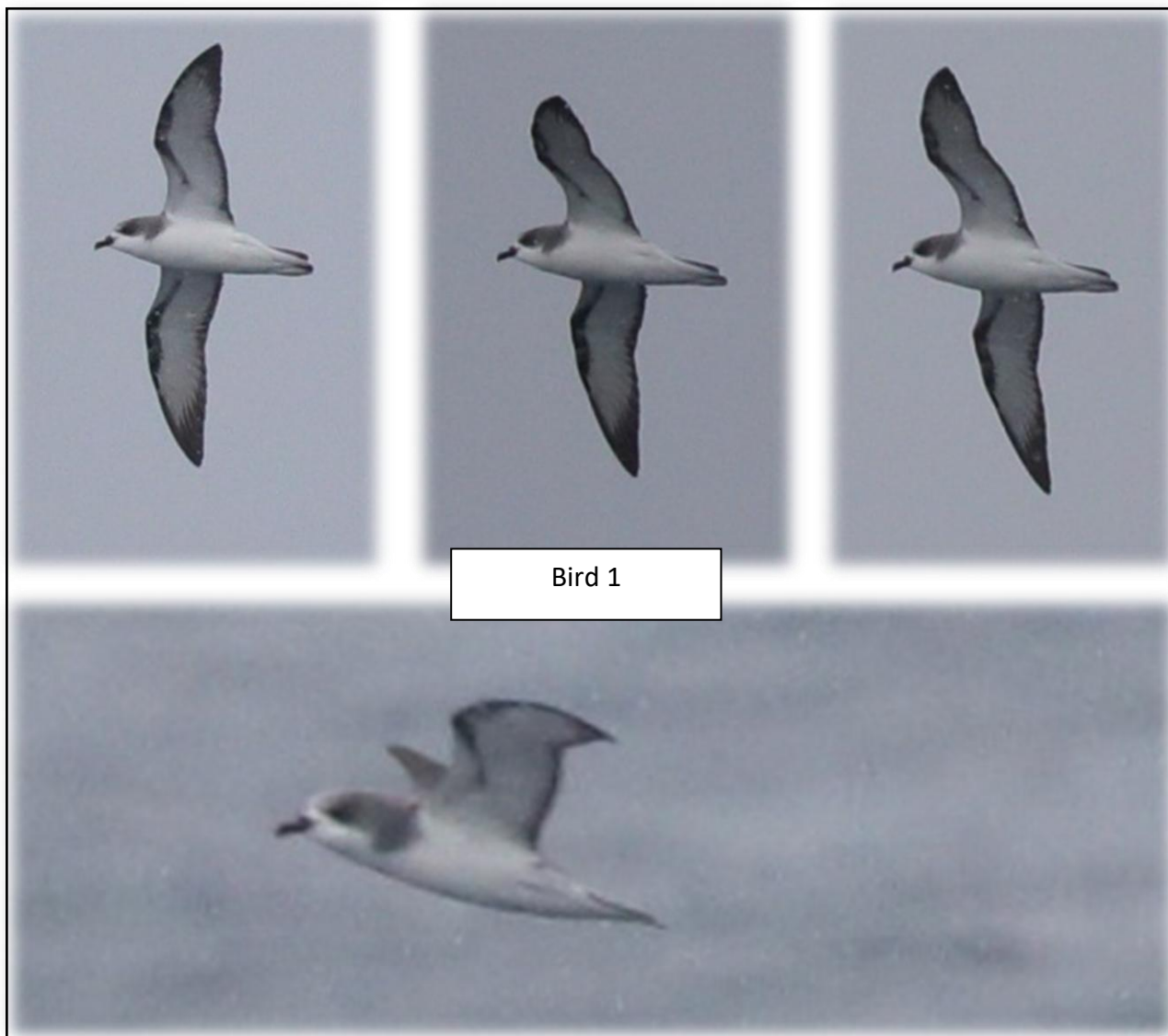
75. **Soft-plumaged Petrel** (*Pterodroma mollis*) c25 in all, of which 15 were seen leaving north from Antipodes Island.



76. **Black-winged Petrel** (*Pterodroma nigripennis*) 1+, Marsden Cove Pelagic (photo above) and 1 near the Bounty Islands.



77. **Cook's Petrel** (*Pterodroma cookii*) 15+? Marsden Cove Pelagic. Difficult to count so these are the number of sightings. Often obvious looking Cook's showing the long neck and longer looking bill. Another good feature was those with very pale faces with contrasting dark eye patch and long white super going behind the eye and white scaly forehead. It also seemed that the black trailing edge to the underwing was thinner and less obvious on most birds than on the Pycroft's. Cook's also gave an impression, especially in photos, of a longer and more pointed wing tip than Pycroft's



78. **PYCROFT'S PETREL** (*Pterodroma pycrofti*) 2-3? Nov 27th Marsden Cove Pelagic.

In comparison with the more obvious Cook's, these birds had a shorter and thicker bull-necked appearance with a steeper-looking forehead. They had a darker grey head darkening around the eye rather than making the eye stand out as on Cook's. They lacked the (or showing only a short) white super and showed more contrast with the white throat/ face sides. The grey neck tab didn't extend as far back away from the neck as in the Cook's although it looked as though it extended further across the chest instead in the fashion of less well-marked Collared Petrels and with a notch at the rear of the ear coverts. Also the bill looked noticeably shorter and was not as obviously long as most of the Cook's resulting in a less snouty and a more large headed appearance. I also got the suggestion that the black areas of the underwing were more contrasting than Cook's. All these features were very subtle but would give a clue as to their identity. However, on a rocking boat in a choppy sea, the best way to see the detail was in photos...as usual. The Cook's also looked proportionately longer-winged and had more cigar-shaped bodies as opposed to the more cone-shaped Pycroft's.

I emailed Sav Saville for his opinion on some photo and he replied that "everything fits Pycroft's" for the top bird 1 and "Almost certainly a Pycroft's, but proportions difficult" for the lower bird 2.

79. **White-chinned Petrel** (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*) Small, but regular numbers most days although very common when heading north out of the Antipodes.
80. **Black Petrel** (*Procellaria parkinsoni*) 2+ Marsden Cove Pelagic came in late sneaking in with the similar looking Flesh-footed Shearwaters.



81. **Buller's Shearwater** (*Ardenna bulleri*) c 10 from the Marsden Cove Pelagic. Got to be one of the best Shearwaters! 3+ per day from Pyramid Rock to 17th east of the Chathams.
82. **Sooty Shearwater** (*Ardenna grisea*) Thousands flying towards Stewart Island on Dec 4th. Common thereafter on the BDU.



83. **SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER** (*Ardenna tenuirostris*) 4+, Nov 27th from the Marsden Cove Pelagic. Surprisingly different from Sooty showing a greater pp projection beyond the tail, pale throat, bumped forehead and greyer underwing pp covs with whitest part on sec covs. Also less pot bellied and more agile in flight.



84. **Flesh-footed Shearwater** (*Ardenna carneipes*) 50+ of these comical scavengers on the Marsden Cove Pelagic omnipresent at the back of the boat.



- 85. **Fluttering Shearwater** (*Puffinus gavia*) c15 birds mostly seen as we chummed closer to the islands. These could out dive the Flesh-footed Shearwaters when the chum got thrown in ... really fast swimmers that could get deeper too.
- 86. **Common Diving Petrel** (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*) 20+ from the Marsden Cove Pelagic. 100+ on Dec 4th near Stewart Island. Several others on the BDU but nowhere particularly common.
- 87. **Australasian Gannet** (*Morus serrator*) Usually a few when walking along any coast.
- 88. **Little Pied Cormorant** (*Microcarbo melanoleucos*) A few at Waipu and Queenstown.



Pitt Shag



Spotted Shag

- 89. **PITT SHAG** (*Phalacrocorax featherstoni*) 10+ Dec 15th Pyramid Rock and South East Island, Chathams.
- 90. **Spotted Shag** (*Phalacrocorax punctatus*) 40+ breeding at Nugget Point and also a few at Awarua Bay roadside pylons. Also a small colony on the Bluemine Island trip (photo right).

91. **Australian Pied Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax varius*) Fairly common at Waipu.

92. **Little Black Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*) 2 noted along the river at Pounawea.



93. **BOUNTY SHAG** (*Leucocarbo ranfurlyi*) 100+ Dec 14th Bounty Islands, some on the nest with chicks and a few tightly-packed groups of birds fishing out at sea.



94. **New Zealand King Shag** (*Leucocarbo carunculatus*) c50 on Bluemine Island, mostly sleeping.

95. **CHATHAM SHAG** (*Leucocarbo onslowi*) 2, Dec 15th Mangere Island, Chathams wher scoped in flight as we slowly cruised by. Also c20 scoped from the ship when anchored in Waitangi Bay, Chatham on Dec 16th.



96. **OTAGO SHAG** (*Leucocarbo chalconotus*) c40, Nov 28th Nugget Point on the rocks out from the lighthouse were only identifiable with a scope. 1 at Pounawea on the way back was much closer! (photo above). Note yellow caruncles

97. **Foveaux Shag** (*Leucocarbo stewarti*) 2 dark birds Bluff Dec 4th. Previously lumped with Otago as Stewart Island Shag.



98. **AUCKLAND SHAG** (*Leucocarbo colensoi*) 30+ Auckland Island, mostly flying along the coast, close in small groups, but also a few perched on the rocky shoreline.



99. **CAMPBELL SHAG** (*Leucocarbo campbelli*) 50+ Campbell Island Dec 11th often in fishing flocks on the sea.



100. **MACQUARIE SHAG** (*Leucocarbo purpurascens*) c 10 birds, Dec 8th and another 20 on 9th at Macquarie Island.
101. **Royal Spoonbill** (*Platalea regia*) 7 Waipu River Mouth, a colony of c 40 breeding at Nugget Point on the rocky stacks and 3 Awarua Bay. Also a few while driving from the car.
102. **Great White Egret (Eastern)** (*Ardea alba modesta*) 2 at Okarito.
103. **White-faced Heron** (*Egretta novaehollandiae*) Common on the mainland and 1 at Waitangi, Chathams..
104. **Swamp Harrier** (*Circus approximans*) Common on the mainland and several on the Chathams.
105. **Morepork** (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*) Heard at Waipu Camp and on Stewart Island where I bumped into one perched on the chess pieces display on Oban sea front and also 1 watched at the roadside outside Beaks & Feathers in Oban before the Kiwi Tour.



106. **Sacred Kingfisher (New Zealand)** (*Todiramphus sanctus vagans*) Common at Waipu, and a few at other suburban locations.



- 107. **New Zealand Falcon** (*Falco novaeseelandiae*) 1-2 birds Dec 6th Enderby Island showed well.
- 108. **Kea** (*Nestor notabilis*) 4-8 birds at Okarito causing havoc as usual.
- 109. **New Zealand Kaka** (*Nestor meridionalis*) Common on Stewart Island.



- 110. **ANTIPODES PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus unicolor*) 4+, Dec 13th Antipodes Island, all single birds and sometimes in with groups of Reischek's.





111. **MALHERBE'S PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus malherbi*) A pair and 3 sightings of individuals, Dec 21st, Bluemine Island. Located by call around the campsite toilets and also back the other way along the trail in/out of the campsite. All except for one sighting was of birds skulking within the canopy



112. **Red-crowned Parakeet** (*Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*) c30+ Dec 6th on Enderby Island in pairs and small groups feeding on the flower heads. 3+, South East Island and 6+ at the Tuku Reserve Chathams.



113. **REISCHEK'S PARAKEET** (*Cyanoramphus hochstetteri*) 15+, Dec 13th Antipodes Island along the grassy coastal coves. Often easy to see in flight before dropping into the vegetation. Vivid green with a small red forehead and eye stripe and an almost whimbrel-like call.
114. **Tui** (*Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae*) Conspicuous everywhere. 2 also noted on Enderby Island and 2 at the Tuku Reserve Chatham.



115. **New Zealand Bellbird** (*Anthornis melanura*) Very common on Enderby Island. Also a few on Bluemine island with orange caps.
116. **Grey Gerygone** (*Gerygone igata*) Common by voice and seen a few times on North and South Island.



117. **CHATHAM GERYGONE** (*Gerygone albofrontata*) 6+, Dec 16th at the Tuku Reserve, Chatham were seen well and very different from the Grey Gerygone of the New Zealand mainland. The younger birds were also very different from the adults looking more like Willow Warblers.
118. **New Zealand Fantail** (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*) Common at wooded/ scrubby areas on South Island. 1 at Enderby island. 5 seen at the Tuku Reserve, Chatham.



Bluemine Island



Snares Island

119. **Tomtit (New Zealand)** (*Petroica macrocephala* [macrocephala group]) 10+, Dec 6th on Enderby Island, and 1 on Bluemine Island.
120. **Tomtit (Snares Is)** (*Petroica macrocephala dannefaerdi*) 15+ Dec 5th at Snares Island seen from the zodiac along the coastline.
121. **South Island Robin** (*Petroica australis*) Single birds at Okarito and Bluemine Island.
122. **Welcome Swallow** (*Hirundo neoxena*) Common.



123. **New Zealand Fernbird (Snares)** (*Poodytes punctatus caudatus*) 4 sightings, Dec 5th on SnaresIsland but only 2 birds seen well and these were while cruising the inlet there and seeing the leaf litter being thrown about vigorously!
124. **Silvereye** (*Zosterops lateralis*) Common. Seen on Snares and Enderby Island, also on Campbell, Antipodes, South-East Island and Chatham Island.



125. **New Zealand Pipit** (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*) Common at Awarua Bay along the waters edges and small islands. Also very tame birds on Enderby Island (photo above). Common on Campbell Island, the Antipodes, South-East Island and Chatham Island.

MAMMALS



Southern Elephant Seal (*Mirounga leonina*) 1 on Enderby Island and Hundreds on Macquarie Island.



Leopard Seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*) 1, Antipodes Island. It looked a bit worn out perhaps, with a lot of flies round its face and eyes, although it did open its snake-like eye once! Also, a couple of Southern Giant Petrels were like 2 vultures waiting by its rear end.....



New Zealand Fur Seal (*Arctocephalus forsteri*) Common on the Subantarctic Islands especially numerous on Bounty.



New Zealand Sea Lion (*Phocarctos hookeri*) **Hooker's**. Only seen on Enderby and Campbell Islands.

NEW SPECIES NEW ZEALAND ENDEMIC/ NEAR ENDEMIC

1. **SOUTHERN BROWN KIWI** (**Stewart Island**) (*Apteryx australis lawryi*)
2. **OKARITO KIWI** (*Apteryx rowi*)
3. **AUCKLAND TEAL** (*Anas aucklandica*)
4. **CAMPBELL TEAL** (*Anas nesiotis*)
5. **CHATHAM PIGEON** (*Hemiphaga chathamensis*)
6. **CHATHAM OYSTERCATCHER** (*Haematopus chathamensis*)
7. **SHORE DOTTEREL** (*Thinornis novaeseelandiae*)
8. **SUBANTARCTIC SNIPE** (*Coenocorypha aucklandica*)
9. **SOUTHERN ROCKHOPPER PENGUIN** (**Eastern**) (*Eudyptes chrysocome filholi*)
10. **ROYAL PENGUIN** (*Eudyptes schlegeli*) **AUSTRALIAN ENDEMIC**
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30. **CHATHAM GERYGONE** (*Gerygone albofrontata*)

NEW SSP GROUPS, POTENTIAL SPLITS, OR SPLIT BY OTHERS

1. **New Zealand Plover** (**Southern**) (*Charadrius obscurus obscurus*)
2. **Antipodean Albatross** (**New Zealand**) (*Diomedea antipodensis antipodensis*)
3. **Buller's Albatross** (**Northern**) (*Thalassarche bulleri platei*)
4. **Buller's Albatross** (**Southern**) (*Thalassarche bulleri bulleri*)
5. **Tomtit** (**Snares Is**) (*Petroica macrocephala dannefaerdi*)
6. **New Zealand Fernbird** (**Snares**) (*Poodytes punctatus caudatus*)