

● ANNOTATED BIRD SPECIES LIST.

Taxonomy, scientific and vernacular English names follow Clements (2000, with updates) unless otherwise noted. Species endemic to New Zealand are in capitals and the following notation gives an indication of the species status as set out by Birdlife International CE = Critically Endangered, E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened

STRUTHIONIFORMES: Apterygidae

SOUTHERN BROWN KIWĪ (*Apteryx australis*) V.

Finally after some 5 hours spent looking a male found on Stewart Is. at 01.50am on 09/02. Once we eventually found the bird it was extraordinarily confiding, spending at least 5 minutes just wandering about, probing the sand, pecking at our boots.

NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWĪ (*Apteryx mantelli*) E.

A single male in a sandy valley near Kerikeri, North Is. on 27/03

LITTLE SPOTTED KIWĪ (*Apteryx owenii*) V.

Singles seen with difficulty on successive nights on Tiritirimatangi on 23&24/03.

GREAT SPOTTED KIWĪ (*Apteryx haastii*) V.

Several birds heard calling from the bush, some very close, on the moonlit nights of 13&14/03 on Bullock Creek Road near Punakaiki. Frustratingly we could not get one on to the track

SPHENISCIFORMES: Spheniscidae

King Penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*)

Literally thousands of these inquisitive penguins on Macquarie Is. on 16&17/02.

EMPEROR PENGUIN (*Aptenodytes fosteri*)

Odd singles on ice floes as we headed south towards Cape Evans, eclipsed by the sight of 50 Emperors on the edge of the sea ice 8 miles north of McMurdo Sound. As the ship approached the penguins launched themselves into the sea but amazingly half an hour later another group of 40 were sighted on the ice. Landed by zodiac 150 metres from the Emperors we marvelled as they began to waddle and toboggan across the sea-ice to check us out.. They were very unafraid and highly inquisitive allowing us to watch them from 3 metres for 30-40 minutes until they became rather bored with us and began to waddle off.

Gentoo Penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) NT

Small numbers on Macquarie Is. at ARNE Station on 17/02.

Adelie Penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*)

A few hundred remaining at the huge breeding colony at Cape Adare on 02/03.

SNARES PENGUIN (*Eudyptes robustus*) V

Seen at their breeding colony in HoHo Bay on the Snares on 12/02.

Rockhopper Penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocome*) V

A few on the rocks at ARNE Station on Macquarie Is. on 17/02.

ROYAL PENGUIN (*Eudyptes schlegeli*) V

Hundreds, many looking very sorry for themselves as they moulted at Sandy Bay on Macquarie Is. on 16/02.

YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN (*Megadyptes antipodes*) E

Several of this rare endemic seen at its stronghold on Enderby Is., Auckland Is. on 13/02

Little Penguin (*Eudyptula minor*)

Hundreds in the water off Acker's Point on Stewart Is. on 08/02, a few in Marlborough Sound on 10/02 and in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Australasian Grebe (*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*)

Uncommon, seen only once; a pair in the pouring rain at Lake Waro Domain near Hikurangi on North Is. on 26/02

NEW ZEALAND GREBE DABCHICK (*Polyocephalus rufopectus*)**V**

Uncommon, seen only once; a pair in the pouring rain at Lake Waro Domain near Hikurangi on North Is. on 26/02

PROCELLARIIFORMES: Diomedidae

Wandering Albatross (*Diomedea exulans*)

Originally considered to be a single species recent taxonomy appears to accept that Wandering Albatross Is. in fact a super species comprising 5 "good" species.

- **Wandering Albatross** (*Diomedea exulans*)
Seen around Stewart Is. and south to the Snares on 11&12/02 and also in New Zealand waters between Campbell and the mainland on 05,06&07/03. Occasional birds seen south of the Antarctic Circle.
- **Snowy Albatross** (*Diomedea chinoptera*)
A single of this. very white form close to the boat at Kaikoura on 03/02.
- **Gibson's Albatross** (*Diomedea gibsoni*)
6 on the Kaikoura pelagic on 03/02 and seen daily at sea from Bluff on 11/03 to the Auckland Islands on 15/03
- **Antipodean Albatross** (*Diomedea antipodensis*)
2 seen from the boat on the Kaikoura pelagic on 03/02 showing characteristic blackish brown crown patch

Southern Royal Albatross (*Diomedea epomophora epomophora*)

A single bird at Kaikoura on 03/02, a couple of breeding pairs on Enderby Is. on 13/02 and the magnificent spectacle of hundreds of birds, many pairs with chicks on their stronghold on Campbell Is. on 9th March. Birds seen regularly while at sea in New Zealand waters.

Northern Royal Albatross (*Diomedea epomophora sanfordi*)

A couple off Stewart Island on 11/02 and at sea between the Balleny's and Campbell Is on 06&07/03.

Grey-headed Albatross (*Thalassarche chrysostoma*)**V**

A few seen in the waters around Macquarie Island on 17&18/02 and Campbell Is. on 9th

Black-browed Albatross (*Thalassarche melanophris*.)

Originally considered to be a monotypic species recent developments in taxonomy suggest that this. Is. in fact 2 species with the straw coloured eye of the Campbell form a clear distinguishing feature.

- **Black-browed (Sub Antarctic) Albatross** (*Thalassarche melanophris*.)
Seen around Stewart Is. and south to the Snares on 11&12/02 and a few around Campbell Is. on 07 March.
- **Campbell Albatross** (*Thalassarche impavida*)
Up to fifteen birds following the ship as we approached and departed Campbell Is. on 07&08/03

Buller's Albatross (*Thalassarche bulleri*)**V**

Very common around Stewart Is. with dozens seen off Ackers Point on 08/02 and hundreds around the Snares on 12/02

Shy Albatross (*Thalassarche cauta*)**NT**

Another species subject to major taxonomic change with nominate Shy restricted to Tasmania and **White-capped** (*steadii*), **Salvin's** (*salvini*) widespread in New Zealand waters together with the very local **Chatham** (*eremita*). Of these we encountered

- **White-capped Albatross** (*Thalassarche steadii*)
Seen at sea off Stewart Is on 11/02 and daily thereafter to the Auckland Is. on 14/02
- **Salvin's Albatross** (*Thalassarche salvini*)
About 25 birds at Kaikoura on 02/03 and hundreds at the Snares on 12/02.

Light-mantled Albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*)

A pair of this most beautiful of albatrosses seen with chick on the cliffs at the northern end of Enderby Is. on 13/02 and regularly between the Auckland Is. and Macquarie Is.. Also seen over the high cliffs at the end of Col Lyall Saddle on Campbell Is. on 08/03.

PROCELLARIIFORMES: Procellariidae

Antarctic (Southern) Giant Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*)

Regularly seen in the waters around Macquarie Is. and on the beach at Sandy Bay on the on 17/02. Also seen in Antarctic waters most notably off Cape Adare on 22/02

Hall's (Northern) Giant Petrel (*Macronectes halli*)

15 at Kaikoura on 03/02 and around the Snares 12/02, Enderby Is. 13/02 and on the beach at Macquarie on 16&17/02.

Southern or Antarctic Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialisoides*)

Off Cape Adare on 21&22/02 and 02/03.

Antarctic Petrel (*Thalassoica antarctica*)

Large flock along the ice edge as we approached Cape Adare on 22/03 and many more in Roberston Bay also at Cape Adare. Also seen at Cape Adare as we returned north on 02/03 and at sea for the next two days up to the Balleny's on 04/03.

Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*)

First seen at Kaikoura on 03/02 and then regularly throughout New Zealand and Antarctic waters including the dark form (*australe*) around the Snares Is. on 12/02

Snow Petrel (*Pagodroma nivea*)

For a long time considered to be a single species with 2 subspecies recent taxonomy suggests that these subspecies may in fact be full species although very difficult to separate and according to Shirihai "with much overlap". Our track on the ship took us through many areas of pack ice where Lesser Snow Petrel (*nivea*) was seen regularly but also very close to the Balleny Isles, possibly the only place in the world where there are pure colonies of Greater Snow Petrel (*confusa*). Although Shirihai states "differences are impossible to appreciate at sea", around the Balleny Is. we certainly saw a number of petrels with a completely different "jizz" to the many that we had seen previously, such that we were able to look at a flock with Aaron Russ and consistently agree which were Greater Snow Petrel. We offer the photos below for consideration

- **Lesser Snow Petrel (*Pagodroma nivea*)**

Seen regularly around the pack ice from Cape Adare on 22/02 and south throughout the Ross Sea and around the Balleny Is. as we made our way north.

- **Greater Snow Petrel (*Pagodroma confusa*)**

Only in the waters around the Balleny Is. in mixed flocks together with the preceding species on 03/03.

Great-winged Petrel (Grey-faced Petrel) (*Pterodroma macroptera*)

A single bird of Little Barrier Is. in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

White-headed Petrel (*Pterodroma lessonii*)

Several seen around Macquarie Is. on 16&17/02

Mottled Petrel (*Pterodroma inexpectata*) **NT**

Several spotted at 02.00 in the morning as we returned from the protracted kiwi trip on Stewart Is. on 08/02.

COOK'S PETREL (*Pterodroma cookii*) **E**

Several from the boat in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

Broad-billed Prion (*Pachyptila vittata*)

Small numbers around the Snares on 12/02 and later two birds off Stewart Is. on 10/03, much darker on the head and with an apparently black bill were probably this species.

Antarctic Prion (*Pachyptila desolata*)

Seen regularly around the ship from Stewart Is. through the seas around the Sub Antarctic Is. and in Antarctic waters almost to Cape Adare. Its probable that some of these birds were Salvins but we were unable to tell.

Fulmar Prion (*Pachyptila crassirostris*.)

A few seen in offshore waters around the Snares on 12/02.

Grey Petrel (*Procellaria cinerea*) **NT**

Several singles followed the ship on and off on 03, 04 & 05/03 as we headed north to the Balleny Is. and beyond giving unusually good views.

White-chinned Petrel (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*.)

Seen regularly in New Zealand waters on both outward and inward journeys to the Ross Sea.

BLACK OR PARKINSONS PETREL (*Procellaria parkinsoni*) **V**

Several around the boat while chumming in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03

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

Several around the boat at Kaikoura on 03/02.

Flesh-footed Shearwater (*Puffinus carneipes*)

Several around the boat at Kaikoura on 03/02, between Stewart Is. and the Auckland Is. from 11-31/02 and in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

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

Several around the boat at Kaikoura on 03/02, off Tiritiri Matangi on 25/03 and in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

Sooty Shearwater (*Puffinus griseus*)

First at Kaikoura on 03/02, then thousands around the ferry to Stewart Is. at the Muttonbird Is.; they were a constant companion throughout the trip to the Ross Sea reaching as far south as Macquarie and beyond.

Short-tailed Shearwater (*Puffinus tenuirostris*.)

Two birds seen on 19/02 at c61.30S/162.4E were probably this species.

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

50+ Huttons Shearwater at Kaikoura on 03/02.

Fluttering Shearwater (*Puffinus gavia*)

Large rafts in Marlborough Sound on 15/03, off Tiritiri Matangi on 25/03 and in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

Little Shearwater (*Puffinus assimilis*.)

3 birds seen in the waters south of Campbell Is. on 06/03 were the only record.

PROCELLARIIFORMES: Hydrobatidae

Wilson's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*)

First seen on the outward leg of the pelagic south of Macquarie Is. at about 61S and daily thereafter as far south as Terra Nova Bay. Similar sightings on the return leg and then very close views while chumming in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

NEW ZEALAND STORM PETREL (*Oceanites maorianus*)

20 or so of these delicate Storm Petrels round the boat while chumming in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

Once considered to be extinct and known from only 3 records they were perhaps mistaken for the preceding species which they certainly resemble at a distance but when viewed up close and beside the Wilsons their lighter faster, zippier, swallow like flight; different wing shape (narrower and more pointed) and clear streaking of the underparts mark them as a separate species.

White-faced Storm-Petrel (*Pelagodroma marina*)

4 birds round the boat while chumming in the Hauraki Gulf on 28/03.

Black-bellied Storm-Petrel (*Fregetta tropica*)

Several birds seen daily in New Zealand waters as south to Macquarie Is. and similarly north of the Balleny Is. to the mainland on the return leg.

PROCELLARIIFORMES: Pelecanoididae

Common Diving-Petrel (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*)

A few around the Snares on 12/02, Auckland Is. on 13/02 and Campbell Is. on 10/03.

PELECANIFORMES: Sulidae

Australasian Gannet (*Morus serrator*)

In Milford Sound 06/02, Forveaux Strait and Stewart Is. 07-10/02, Snares Is. 12/02 and Marlborough Sound and the Cook Strait 15-17/03.

PELECANIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Little Black Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*.)

Several at Miranda and along the coast nearby on 20&21/03.

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Seen regularly around the coasts of North, South and Stewart Is.

Pied Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax varius*)

Seen regularly around the coasts of North, South and Stewart Is.

ROUGH-FACED SHAG (*Phalacrocorax carunculatus*)**V**

This rare Shag seen only in Marlborough Sound on 15/03 where two birds observed on rocks with Spotted Shag.

BRONZE (STEWART ISLAND) SHAG (*Phalacrocorax chalconotus*)**V**

After walking all the way out to Ackers Point on 08/02 and not seeing any of this species we found 5 sitting on a rock in the harbour at Oban which apparently is where they are seen regularly

AUCKLAND ISLAND SHAG (*Phalacrocorax colensoi*)**V**

Several seen during the walk around Enderby Is on 13/02.

CAMPBELL ISLAND SHAG (*Phalacrocorax campbelli*)**V**

Several in Perseverance harbour on Campbell Is on 08&09/03.

MACQUARIE SHAG (*Phalacrocorax purpurescens*)**V**

Several on Macquarie on 16&17/02.

SPOTTED SHAG (*Phalacrocorax punctatus*)

Fairly common endemic seen along the coast of North, South and Stewart Is.

Little Pied Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*)

Seen regularly around the coasts of North, South and Stewart Is.

CICONIIFORMES: Ardeidae

Great Egret (White-faced Heron) (*Ardea alba*)

3 birds seen on the lagoon at Okarito on 12/03.

Pacific Reef-Heron (*Egretta sacra*)

A single dark phase bird seen on the breakwater at Gulf Harbour on 25/03.

CICONIIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Royal Spoonbill (*Platalea regia*)

Seen in small wetland on the edge of Paraparauma on 16/03.

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*)

Abundant Australian introduction seen on freshwater lakes or lagoons throughout New Zealand.

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*.)

This N. American introduction seen regularly throughout New Zealand.

PARADISE SHELDUCK (*Tadorna variegata*)

This highly attractive endemic seen on freshwater lakes or lagoons throughout New Zealand.

BLUE DUCK (*Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*)**E**

3 pairs of this attractive and uncommon endemic found on the Manganui-a-te-ao River.

and the Ruatiti domain on 18/03 From Raetihi drive 4km north to a junction signposted for Ruatiti. Drive 12km along this road to a fork where there is a small bridge and a cottage appropriately called Blue Duck

Cottage. Follow the left fork for 4kms to a large bridge which is where we saw the first pair, then drive a further 2kms to the campsite at the Ruatiti domain which is where we saw 2 other pairs..

GRAY TEAL (*Anas gracilis*.)

Seen on a number of lowland lakes and lagoons as we drove throughout north and South Island.

AUCKLAND ISLAND TEAL (*Anas aucklandica*) **E.**

Two of these flightless ducks feeding in the kelp near Sandy Bay on Enderby Is on 13/02.

CAMPBELL ISLAND TEAL (*Anas nesiotis*.) **CE.**

Once thought to be extinct these birds were rediscovered on an offshore island and through a captive breeding programme have been reintroduced to Campbell. Highly secretive and semi-nocturnal we saw one briefly in the late afternoon of 08/03 in a small overgrown stream running into Camp Cove in Perseverance Harbour. Spent hours looking for it the following day but to no avail.

BROWN TEAL (*Anas chlorotis*.) **V**

A pair at the small dam on Tiritiri Matangi on 23 & 24/03.

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

Abundant throughout the trip.

Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)

Abundant throughout the trip.

Australian Shoveler (*Anas rhynchos*.)

Seen only once on the trip at the wetland on the outskirts of Paparauma on 16/03.

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP (*Aythya novaeseelandiae*)

This endemic proved uncommon and was seen only twice both in South Island; first at a wetland on the road between Kaikoura and Fairlie on 03/02 and then at Lake Alexandrina on 04/02

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

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

This difficult to find endemic seen on the Bridle Path at Haast, an immature attracted by our squeaking and on North Island a pair calling and flying over the forest at Mapara on 20/03

GALLIFORMES: Meleagrididae

Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

Small groups of this N. American introduction seen at random in fields in North Island.

GALLIFORMES: Odontophoridae

California Quail (*Callipepla californica*)

A small covey at the edge of a small marsh near Russell on 27/03.

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Brown Quail (*Coturnix ypsilophora*)

Common and tame on Tiritiri Matangi on 23 & 24/03.

Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)

Seen a couple of times from the car in North Island on 19 & 20/03.

Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*)

One seen from the car in King Country North Is. on 18/03.

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

WEKA (*Gallirallus australis*.) **V.**

Seen at Ulva Is on 08/02, Punakaiki on 13 & 14/03, Kapiti Is 17/03; Tiritiri Matangi on 24/03.

Buff-banded Rail (*Gallirallus philippensis*.)

Seen in the marsh at Westerholme just north of Gulf Harbour on 25/03.

Spotless Crake (*Porzana tabuensis*.)

Seen at the small dam on Tiritiri Matangi on 23 & 24/03.

Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)

At Lake Alexandrina on 04/02, Stewart Is. 08/02, and regularly throughout North Is.

TAKAHE (*Porphyrio mantelli*) **E.**

This extraordinary endemic seen of course only on the predator free islands of Kapiti on 17/03 and Tiritirimatangi on 23@24/03.

Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*)

Seen irregularly in freshwater ponds on North & South Islands.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Haematopodidae

SOUTH ISLAND OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus finschi*)

Bizarrely given its name, seen much more frequently on North Is. particularly at Okarito on 12/03 and Miranda on 20-22/03. Also at Kaikoura on 03/02 and Stewart Is on 08/03.

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus unicolor*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

White-headed Stilt (*Himantopus leucocephalus*)

Not seen at all in South Island. First seen in the small wetland on the outskirts of Paraparua on 16/03 and then unsurprisingly on the Stilt Ponds at Miranda from 20-22/03.

BLACK STILT (*Himantopus novaezelandiae*) **CE.**

A major success at the very start of the trip where we found a pair of this rare endemic within minutes of beginning what we thought would be a very long search on 04/02. A pair in a small marshy area at Lake Alexandrina. Both birds were ringed one having an orange ring above a green ring on its right leg, the other a pale yellow ring above a green ring also on its right leg.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

Masked Lapwing (*Vanellus miles*)

Abundant and seen throughout the trip.

Pacific Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*)

This Arctic migrant seen only at Miranda on North Island on 20-22/03. About 85 birds present in total but we saw only ones and twos.

RED-BREASTED (NEW ZEALAND) DOTTEREL (*Charadrius obscurus*) **V**

A small group of 10 birds on a pebbled inlet just north of Miranda near Kaiaua on 22/03 were the only record. Apparently more common with larger flocks reported from further north on North Island.

Double-banded Plover (*Charadrius bicinctus*)

Many in fields and rough ground near Lake Tekapo/ Lake Alexandrina on 03&04/02. Also plentiful at Miranda on 20-22/03. The Auckland Island form *Ch. bicinctus exilis* also seen in numbers on Enderby Is. on 13/02.

WRYBILL (*Anarhynchus frontalis*) **V**

Thousands of these curious and very confiding little plover seen at Miranda on 20-22/03.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

SUBANTARCTIC (NEW ZEALAND) SNIPE (*Coenocorypha aucklandica*) **NT**

A pair of the Auckland Island form (*C.a. aucklandica*) seen on Enderby Is. on 13/02.

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)

A single bird at Miranda on 21/03.

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)

Large numbers seen at Miranda from 20-22/03.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)

A single bird on the Stilt Pond, Miranda on 21/03.

Red Knot (*Calidris. canutus*)

Large numbers seen at Miranda from 20-22/03.

Red-necked Stint (*Calidris. ruficollis*)

A single bird in amongst the Wrybill on the Stilt Ponds at Miranda on 23/03

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*)

4 or 5 birds on the Outer Shellbank at Miranda on 20/03 and probably the same 4 on the Stilt Ponds the following day.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Stercorariidae

South Polar Skua (*Stercorarius maccormicki*)

These very aggressive skuas first seen around the ship at Cape Adare on 22/02 and then at the Adelie Penguin colony at Shackleton's Hut at Cape Royds on 27/02, on the sea ice with the Emperors on 28/02 and again at the Adele Penguin colony at Cape Adare on 02/03. It was not uncommon to have to give the bird a poke in the ribs to stop it attacking one's head!!

Brown Skua (*Stercorarius antarctica*)

Around the Snares on 12/02, McQuarrie on 16&17/03 and south as far as Terra Nova Bay on 24/02.

Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger) (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)

A single bird at Kaikoura on 03/02 was the only record.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Southern Black-backed or Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*)

Common, seen regularly throughout the trip.

RED-BILLED GULL (*Larus scopulinus*)

Abundant endemic.

BLACK-BILLED GULL (*Larus bulleri*)**V**

Much less common than the preceding species but still seen regularly throughout the trip.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Sternidae

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)

A few on the shellbanks at Miranda on 20-22/03.

White-fronted Tern (*Sterna striata*)

Common throughout.

Antarctic Tern (*Sterna vittata*)

Seen at the Snares 12/02, Auckland Is 13/03 and Macquarie on 17/02

BLACK-FRONTED TERN (*Sterna albobristata*)**E**

Uncommon seen only at Kaikoura on 03/02 and at Lake Tekapo on 04/02.

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)

Fairly common in towns.

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

This beautiful pigeon was common on Stewart and Ulva Is on 07&08/03 and less common on Kapiti Is and Tiritirimatangi on 17/03 and 23&24/03. On the mainland seen in the forest at Haast and on the road to Jackson Bay on 12/03.

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

KEA (*Nestor notabilis*)**V**

A pair seen at the Homer Tunnel on 06/02

NEW ZEALAND BUSH PARROT (KAKA) (*Nestor meridionalis*)**V**

Easily seen on Stewart & Ulva Islands on 07&08/02, Kapiti Is on 17/03 but only glimpsed on Tiritirimatangi on 20/03. On the mainland seen at Knob's Flat near Milford on 07/02 and along the road to Jackson Bay on 12/03.

RED-FRONTED PARAKEET (KAKARIRI) (*Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*)

Only on the offshore islands at Ulva Is 08/02, Enderby Is on 13/02, Kapiti 17/03, Tiritirimatangi Is on 20-22/03.

YELLOW-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Cyanoramphus auriceps*)**NT**

Several birds along the Routeburn Track on 05/02 and the Bridle Path at Haast on 11/03.

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Morepork (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)

Seen at Bullock Creek Road on 14/03 and heard at Mapara on 19/03.

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

Sacred Kingfisher (*Todirhamphus sanctus*)

Fairly common throughout NZ, often seen perched on wires.

PASSERIFORMES

RIFLEMAN (*Acanthisitta chloris*)

Fairly common particularly, but not exclusively, in native forest. Seen on the Routeburn Track on 05/02, Stewart Is on 08/02, the Bridlepath at Haast on 11/03 and at the Pahaki Track near Okarito on 12/03.

Sky Lark (*Alda arvensis*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip in open country, field, pasture.

Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*)

Seen regularly in small numbers throughout the trip.

Australasian Pipit (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*)

Not observed very often; seen on Kapiti Is on 17/03 but common at Miranda on 20-22/03. The form *aucklandicus* easily seen on Enderby Is. on 13/02 where they walk over your boots and the form *nova* seen on Campbell Is. on 08/03

Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

Eurasian Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*)

Seen regularly throughout the trip.

FERNBIRD (*Megalurus punctatus*)

Seen at the DOC wetland at Pakahi near Okarito on 12/03 and the subspecies "*caudata*" on the Snares on 12/02.

Gray Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*)

Common and seen regularly throughout the trip

TOMTIT (*Petroica macrocephala*)

Common, confident and highly variable species. The nominate South Island form *P.m. macrocephala* seen on the Routeburn Track on 05/02, Bullock Creek Rd on 13/03, the form *dannefaerdi* on the Snares on 12/02, the form *marrineri* on Enderby Is on 13/02 and the North Island form *toitoti* at Mapara on 20/03.

NEW ZEALAND ROBIN (*Petroica australis*)

WHITEHEAD (POPOKATEA) (*Mohoua albicilla*)

Only on the predator free offshore islands of Kapiti Is 17/03 and Tiritirimatangi on 23/03.

YELLOWHEAD (*Mohoua ochrocephala*) **V**

Nice feeding flock of 15-20 birds just past the second swing bridge on the Routeburn track on 05/02 were the only sighting.

BROWN CREEPER (PIPIPI) (*Mohoua novaeseelandiae*)

Noisy, gregarious and usually high in the canopy. Seen on the Routeburn on 05/02, lots in the Tutoko Valley near Milford on 06/02 and the Bridle Path at Haast on 11/03.

GRAY GERYGONE (*Gerygone igata*)

Fairly common in native habitat. On South Island on the Routeburn Track 05/02, Stewart Is 08/02, the Bridle Path at Haast 11/03. Also on Kapiti 17/03 and Tiritirimatangi on 23&24/03.

Silver-eye (*Zosterops lateralis*.)

Ubiquitous.

STITCHBIRD (HIHI) (*Notiomystis cincta*)**V**

This attractive endemic and its explosive sewing machine call seen only, with difficulty, on Kapiti Is on 17/03 and easily on Tiritirimatangi on 23-25/03.

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

This common and noisy endemic seen throughout the trip.

TUI (*Prothemadera novaeseelandiae*)

This striking and aggressive endemic was seen regularly throughout most often in native forest.

KOKAKO (*Callaeas cinerea*)**E**

One of only two surviving members of the Wattlebird family this rare endemic with its beautiful organ pipe call seen at one of its last mainland strongholds on North Island at Mapara on 20/03 and on Tiritirimatangi on 23&24/03. Apparently a few on Kapiti but we did not see them there.

SADDLEBACK (TIEKE) (*Philesturnus carunculatus*)**NT**

This other member of the Wattlebird family the striking Saddleback seen on Ulva Is on 08/02. Kapiti on 17/03 and Tiritirimatangi on 23&24/03.

Australasian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*)

Common; seen regularly throughout the trip.

Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*.)

Absent in South Island they became common from King Country north in North Island

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*.)

Abundant

Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)

Seen regularly in open country on South Island; seemed less common on North Island.

Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*)

Common seen regularly throughout the trip.

European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*.)

Common seen regularly throughout the trip.

Common Redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*)

Common seen regularly throughout the trip.

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

Common seen regularly throughout the trip.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

Common seen regularly throughout the trip.

● ANNOTATED MAMMAL SPECIES LIST.

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)

Brief views in the vast expanse of ocean between Macquarie Is. and the Antarctic Circle

Killer Whale (*Orcinus orca*)

Several pods seen on 4 dates along the ice edge in the Ross Sea.

Antarctic Fur Seal (*Atrocephalus gazella*)

Only once at Macquarie Is on 16/02

New Zealand Fur Seal (*Atrocephalus forsteri*)

On Enderby Island on 13/02.

Crabeater Seal (*Lobodon carcinophagus*)

Several pairs on the ice in the Ross Sea

Weddell Seal (*Leptonychotes weddelli*)

Several pairs on the ice in the Ross Sea

Leopard Seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*)

One hauled out on the ice 10 metres from our landing point at Cape Royds and one cruising the ice edge at Cape Adare causing consternation among the Adelies.

Southern Elephant Seal (*Mirounga leonina*)

A single on Ulva Island and then several on the beach and tussock grass on Macquarie and a single near the landing stage on Campbell Is

Hookers Sea Lion (*Phocarctos hookeri*)

On Enderby Island on 13/02.