

66. Gray-backed Silver-eye (*Zosterops halmaturina*). Types A, B, D, F; transient; common.
67. Mistletoe-bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*). Type A; resident; rare.
68. Red-tipped Pardalote (*Pardalotus ornatus*). Type A; resident; common.
69. Spotted Pardalote (*P. punctatus*). Type A; resident; common.
70. White-naped Honeyeater (*Melithreptus lunatus*). Type A; resident; very common.
71. Eastern Spinebill (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*). Types A, F; resident; common.
72. Yellow-faced Honeyeater (*Meliphaga chrysops*). Types A, B, F; resident; common.
73. White-eared Honeyeater (*M. leucotis*). Types A, B, D, F; resident; common.
74. Noisy Miner (*Myzantha melanocephala*). Types E, F; resident; common.
75. Red Wattle-bird (*Anthochaera carunculata*). Types A, F; resident; common.
76. Pipit (*Anthus australis*). Type E; resident; very common.
77. Red-browed Finch (*Aegintha temporalis*). Types B, D, E, F; summer resident; very common.
78. Raven (*Corvus coronoides*). Types B, E; transient; common.
79. Grey Currawong (*Strepera versicolor*). Types A, B; resident; common.
80. White-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina hypoleuca*). Types A, B, E, F; resident; very common.
81. Grey Butcher-bird (*Cracticus torquatus*). Types A, F; resident; common.
82. Greenfinch (*Chloris chloris*). Type B; summer resident; common.
83. Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*). Types B, D, E, F; summer resident; very common.
84. House-Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). Type F; resident; very common.
85. Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*). Types E, F; resident; very common.
86. Blackbird (*Turdus merula*). Types A, B, D, F; resident; common.

Additions to the Birds of Kapiti Island

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Since recording the number of species on Kapiti in Vol. XXVI of *The Emu*, some additional birds have been noted. Besides some Petrels seen on the wing, which I could not with certainty identify, several others have come under the writer's notice, and are here recorded for future use. The nomenclature adopted is from the Official Checklist of the Birds of Australia, and Mr. W. R. B. Oliver's *Birds of New Zealand*.

Crested Penguin (*Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*).—This handsome Penguin has been noted alive on three occasions, and has been picked up twice on the beach.

Petrels.—I have seen at least three different petrels coming ashore at breeding time. Only one, *Puffinus griseus*, could be identified with certainty. The others were (I



Kakapo (*Strigops habroptilus*).



Little Grey Kiwi (*Apertyx owenii*)

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think), *P. gavia*, perhaps *P. carneipes*, and *Pelecanoides urinatrix*. There is no reason why *P. carneipes* should not breed on Kapiti, as, according to Oliver, it breeds on the islands off Marlborough Sounds—just across the Straits from here.

Spotted Shag (*Stictocarbo punctatus*).—I have twice seen a female of this species on the beach in front of my house.

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*).—One specimen was noted at the lake near the north end of the island.

Grey Teal (*Querquedula gibberifrons*).—Last season five young Teal were caught on the shores of Lake Okupe by Mr. Webber. They were taken to his house and liberated amongst a lot of Grey Ducks (*Anas superciliosa*). The little Teal stay about the house, and are now quite tame. Mr. Webber kindly presented me with a pair, which I have placed in a netted swamp, where I hope to breed them.

Blue-winged Shoveller (*Spatula rynchotis*).—This species also bred at the lake where Mr. Webber caught one young one. It stays about the Webber homestead with the Teal and other Ducks.

Galah (*Kakatoe rosicapilla*).—I have seen this bird flying over the island on two occasions—evidently it had escaped from captivity.

Kakapo (*Strigops habroptilus*).—Since recording in my previous article that this bird had been liberated on Kapiti some years ago, I have had the pleasure of viewing the bird on many occasions. The opossum trapper employed on the island has come across another bird, which I judge from his description to be a young one. The one I saw was stone blind, yet as fat as possible; it was evidently an old Kakapo. The trapper disturbed the bird from a low-growing tree, and caught it. Not knowing what it was, he brought it to me for identification. After examining the bird and photographing it, it was returned to the locality where he had caught it.

Kiwi (*Apteryx mantelli* and *A. owenti*).—Since writing in 1929, I have seen the Kiwi many times. I instructed the trapper to keep a look-out for them, and to bring any caught to me. The two species mentioned above have been identified and photographed.

White-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina hypoleuca*).—I picked up one of these birds on the beach. It had apparently been dead for some time.

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*).—I missed this bird from my previous list—it is quite common on the island.

Oliver in his book admits the Fernbird (*Bowdleria punctata*) and Rifleman (*Acanthisitta chloris*) as occurring on Kapiti Island. I have not come across these species, and do not think they occur on the island. Further, Oliver now admits that the records he relied on are not reliable, and intends to eliminate them in further editions of his work.