

Coast. Off our northern coast he had come to regard Yellow-nosed Mollymawks as familiar friends. As a change from seabirds, when he was on leave, he was happy to walk long muddy miles in search of the waders of the Auckland Isthmus.

Like many mariners, John was a keen gardener, with a special love of roses and fuchsias. In essence he was a man of action. For some years he had been collecting data on the discovery and early literature of the birds of the Pacific Islands. His published findings have already proved their worth. Also much appreciated were the indices which he compiled as labours of love for *Sea-Swallow* and the Australasian Sea-Bird Group.

John was a professional seaman with wide ranging interests. He co-operated with the R.N.Z.N. in hydrographic surveys; he made observations on whales and dolphins; with Keith Wise of the Auckland Museum he devised and successfully used equipment for trapping and preserving insects on long voyages. His knowledge and enthusiasm will be missed by many among whom he found a ready audience after every voyage.

In 1957 he married Patricia Walter. Since then many have enjoyed the hospitality of their home. The Ornithological Society offers its sympathy and affection to John's wife, Pat, and to their daughters, Jane and Sally.

Lists of John's writings have been deposited in the Auckland and National Museums.

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## ERRATA

In B. J. Gill & C. R Veitch, 1990 Measurements of bush birds on Little Barrier Island, New Zealand (*Notornis* 37: 141-145) please note the following important corrections:

1. On page 142, Tables 1 and 2 have been transposed in error against their captions.
2. On page 143, line 10 should read: The *maximum* female weight can now be defined as 15.9 g and the minimum male weight as 16.1 g.

We apologise for these errors, which occurred after the proof stage.