

Only one seabird was amongst those presented to the British Museum, of which Dr I. C. J. Galbraith (pers. comm.) said "... fortunately that one is clearly Wiseman's number 641 . . . though number 641 does not appear on the specimen labels nor in the register, our number 1870.3.31.70 was entered as *Sterna poliocera* from M'bau. It is a female Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii* collected in August 1865." Dr Galbraith also notes "It is possible that we have one or more of the other three, received through some third party; but there is no way of tracing this through our registers . . ."

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### FIORDLAND CRESTED PENGUIN

The delivery of a road-killed bird to the Taranaki Museum towards the end of 1981 produced a most interesting record for the Taranaki Region. The resident District Nurse at Mokau, Margaret Fairhall, on 15 October 1981 noticed the dead bird lying on SH3, south of the Mohakatino River. Realising it was unusual, she sent it to the Taranaki Museum, where it was readily identified as a Fiordland Crested Penguin (*Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*). The area of state highway in question travels parallel and very close to the coastline, which is in general rugged and steep. The location of the specimen prompted me to inquire further, and I found that the owners of a holiday property in the area, Mr & Mrs L. Miller of Inglewood, had been aware of the bird's presence for some time. Apparently the penguin had been a familiar sight in the area for about 2 years and had become quite tame, responding to calls and readily approaching the holiday cottage. Fearing for the bird's safety, the Millers did not tell others of its presence and were saddened at its death. Some excellent photographs are evidence of its existence.

It is the first record of a Fiordland Crested Penguin in Taranaki to my knowledge. A penguin, later identified as an Erect-crested Penguin (*E. sclateri*), was photographed by Mr G. Munro at the end of the Lower Timaru Road, south of New Plymouth, during early February 1966.

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