

LONG-BILLED WHITE-EYE *Zosterops tenuirostris*

Small parties, sometimes in company of *Z. lateralis*, seen in both original forest and secondary growth, lantana scrub, etc. (PD, JL & MM, MFS).

WHITE-BREADED WHITE-EYE *Z. albogularis*

Two seen on the saddle between Mt Pitt and Mt Bates on 11 Sept 1978 (MFS), and three seen and heard near Mt Bates between 15 and 19 Nov 1980 (JL & MM).

*INDIAN MYNA *Acridotheres tristis*

Recorded in Sept 1971 at Kingston and at the Settlement (FJT).

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SHORT NOTE

STOAT WITH KIWI CHICK

On 19 September 1980, Mr R. Dawson of Te Anau was hunting in the Tutu Burn, South Fiord, Lake Te Anau, when he saw a stoat (*Mustela erminea*) dragging a dead kiwi chick by the neck. When approached the stoat dropped the bird and ran off. The kiwi smelt badly and R. Dawson thought the bird had been dead for a few days. There were no signs to show how the kiwi died nor did Mr Dawson know where or how the stoat had got the bird.

This observation was made in beech forest on the side of the valley (375 m a.s.l.) grid reference NZMS 1 S140/589266.

The kiwi chick, identified as South Island Brown Kiwi (*Apteryx australis australis*) is now in the National Museum collection. An examination of the bird has not established the cause of death (J. A. Bartle, pers. comm.).

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