

In addition, the following have been recorded from the Rewa estuary by Smart (1971) and are likely to turn up at Suva Point occasionally:

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

Red-necked Stint (*Calidris ruficollis*)

Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)

American Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*)

Little is known of the migration routes of holarctic waders to the Southern Hemisphere. The absence of September and April peaks in the counts perhaps suggests that Fiji is a terminus rather than a staging point for the four main species recorded.

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SHORT NOTE

THRUSHES AND BLACKBIRDS IN CITY PARK

Queen's Park in Invercargill covers an area of 80 ha and contains gardens, playing fields and a 9-hole golf course. It is surrounded by city and residential suburbs. The evening of 29 November 1982 was damp, calm and clear after two days of wind and cold temperatures, and many birds were feeding on lawns and playing fields. I counted 707 *Turdus* spp. on about 53 ha, until fading light caused me to abandon the exercise. The birds appeared to be equally distributed on the remaining 27 ha, and I estimated that at least 1000 *Turdus* spp. were on the park that evening. Three sample groups contained T.26, B.18; T.36, B.22; and T.20, B.12. The proportion of Thrushes to Blackbirds was therefore about 3 to 2.

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