

must be made on the number of burrows in use so that any population trend can be detected. Above all, however, it will be necessary to restrict people from walking over these dunes, particularly during the currently increased level of management activity.

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SHORT NOTE

MOLLYMAWK EATS DIVING PETREL

A Grey-headed Mollymawk (*Diomedea chrysostoma*) picked up on a Manawatu beach in 1978 by Hugh Robertson was some months later given to me for dissection. The crop contained several large squid beaks and the remains of a Diving Petrel (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*). One wing of the diving petrel was intact and measurable for identification but the rest of the bird was thoroughly mutilated, including the crushed skull.

Serventy *et al.* (*Handbook of Australian Sea-birds* 1971: 75) commented that this mollymawk, from penguin feathers found in its castings, evidently takes birds captured at sea or swallows dead carcasses.

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