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BEACH PATROL 1978 — INTERIM REPORT

During 1978, 3765 km of coast were patrolled by 188 OSNZ members and their friends on a total of 633 patrols. These are all the highest totals recorded. 12 413 dead seabirds were found. A wreck of Sooty Shearwaters in November and December contributed greatly to this total. Unusually high numbers of antarctic species from July onwards caused an increase in the amount of beach patrolling and hence the total numbers of birds found.

The following are interim totals for sections of coast patrolled:

<i>Coast</i>	<i>Km</i>	<i>Birds</i>
Auckland West	1430	7148
Taranaki	237	550
Wellington West	440	840
Westland	33	2
Auckland East	557	1449
Bay of Plenty	273	555
East Coast North I.	13	1
Wairarapa	9	5
Canterbury North	61	130
Canterbury South	85	235
Otago	84	164
Southland	131	489
Wellington South	337	754
North Coast South I.	70	92
Outlying Islands	5	0
	3765	12 413

The success of the Beach Patrol Scheme during 1978 is due to all those who took part.

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