

mens of the Broad-billed Prion in the Australian Museum have the following information on the label—"These birds [? if all *vittata*] were found strewn along the beaches [near Sydney] in great numbers on July 8 and 10, 1904."

Intermittent beachcombing by Sydney ornithologists during the past thirty years has brought to light several interesting finds of 'rare' petrels. Such birds may be common enough in other parts of their range but they are certainly rarities as derelicts on beaches immediately to the north and south of Sydney. The fact that a species has been noted once, or even a few times, on our beaches, is no indication of its status offshore. In this respect mention may be made of the Fleshy-footed Shearwater (*Puffinus carneipes*),<sup>2</sup> the Fluttering Shearwater (*P. gavia*),<sup>3</sup> and the Wilson Storm-Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*), all of which, according to the information I have gathered, are not uncommon, at one season or another, in the coastal waters of New South Wales. Among the 'rare' petrels listed for Sydney beaches are the Little Shearwater (*P. assimilis*),<sup>4</sup> the Great-winged (Grey-faced) Petrel (*Pterodroma macrop-tera*), the Brown-headed Petrel (*Pt. melanopus*), the Mottled Petrel (*Pt. inexpectata*), the White-headed Petrel (*Pt. lessonii*), the Gould (White-winged) Petrel (*Pt. leucoptera*), and the Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*).

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## Correspondence

To the Editor,  
Sir—

In *The Emu*, vol. 47 (Oct. 1947), pt. 2, p. 89, appears a map of portion of the Atherton Tablelands—a very useful map of the area at this time, as explorer Kennedy traversed the country in the south-west section of the map. His route was from about the Tully Falls to Mount Garnet, thence north-westerly to the Walsh River. Unfortunately Gibbs Creek (or Chinaman Creek) was shown as Walsh River. The Walsh is about 15 miles further north; its east-west course would pass just north of the word 'Approx' in the inset map.

Yours, etc.

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