

## Additional Victorian Records

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The discovery of a beach-drifted specimen of the Gould Petrel in south-west Victoria, as well as certain other Tubinares from elsewhere, has necessitated a supplement to a recent paper (Hitchcock, *Emu*, vol. 52, pt. 4, pp. 273-284, 1952). Further, the unfortunate omission from that contribution of an important paper, listing additional records, is rectified and discussed below.

*Pterodroma leucoptera* (Gould)—Gould Petrel. B 4272 (skin) ♂ ad. Bridgewater Bay, S.W. Victoria, December 14, 1952. It was found by Miss Eleanor Blyth, an R.A.O.U. member living at Portland. She has kindly supplied the following information. "On Sunday, December 14 (2.40 p.m.) I was at Shelly Beach, Bridgewater Bay, and picked up a dead White-winged Petrel. It appeared to me that it had not been dead very long, as its eyes were bright and prominent and, although it was just above the water-line, there was not much sand in its feathers. . . . When I was told that it had not previously been listed in Victoria I began to think back, and recalled having seen a solitary, dark-plumaged bird on the rocks with about 35 terns and one seagull. It dived into the water away from my view and I saw no more of it."

The bird was in poor condition, without any subcutaneous fat, and weighed only 130 gms. (cf. Hindwood and Serventy, *Emu*, vol. 41, pt. 1, p. 18, 1941, who give the weights of three males as 179, 181 and 196 gms.). The stomach was empty. The gonads were black, and measured—left, 6 x 4.5 mm., right, 5 x 4 mm. Measurements: total length 305, wing-span 730, exposed culmen 26.5, wing 223, tail 93, tarsus 29.5, toe and claw 37.5 mm.

Comparison of this specimen with a good topotypical series in the 'H. L. White Collection' and with the descriptions and measurements given by Hindwood and Serventy (*loc. cit.*) indicates that it is referable to the nominate race and, therefore, almost certainly emanated from the Cabbage Tree Island, N.S.W., colony.

In view of the known rarity of this species as a beach derelict (Hindwood and Serventy, *Emu*, vol. 42, pt. 3, p. 153, 1943) its occurrence as such in the far south-west of Victoria is nothing short of remarkable. It is, perhaps, relevant here to mention the paper referred to in my prefatory remarks. It was published in *The Victorian Naturalist*, vol. 53, pp. 138-140, 1936, and is entitled 'The Toll of the Beaches'. The author, Frederic Wood Jones, details the various species of Tubinares collected "during

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the last few years" by a correspondent who undertook "the patrolling of a comparatively short line of shore in Western Victoria"—doubtless in the Portland district. The following species are mentioned—*Diomedea melanophris* and *D. cauta*; *Puffinus tenuirostris*, *P. griseus* and *P. gavia*; *Pterodroma lessonii* and *Pt. macroptera* (the only Victorian record known to me); *Macronectes*; *Daption*; *Pachyptila* spp., and *Pelecanoides urinatrix*. Wood Jones wrote (*ibid.*, p. 139)—"There is little or nothing of a wave-cast member of the Tubinares that is not of use to the ornithologist whose interest in avian structure is not limited to feathers." This statement warrants repeated stressing.

Some recent additional records are worth listing briefly.

*Diomedea melanophris*—Ricketts Point, Port Phillip Bay, September 1952 (ad. ♂ skin, K. Glance).

*Diomedea chlororhynchos*—Waratah Bay, December 1952 (ad. skull and sternum, W. B. Hitchcock).

*Puffinus gavia*—(a) Corio Bay, December 1952 (skin, Fisheries and Game Department); (b) Portland, January 1953 (skeleton, A. G. C. Bingham); (c) Lakes Entrance, January 1953 (skin, two skeletons, N. J. Favaloro); (d) Mallacoota, January 1953 (three skeletons, W. B. Hitchcock).

*Puffinus griseus*—Nelson, January 1953 (skull, sternum, J. M. Temple Watts).

## Some Additions to the Macquarie Island List of Birds

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It seems desirable to put on record the following additions to the list of Macquarie Island birds. Other additions to this list have been published in recent numbers of *The Emu* (Serventy 1952; Lindholm 1952). It is now evident that over-carried migrants and other stragglers reach Macquarie Island with some frequency.

The writer is personally responsible for all of the following records except the first, details of which were supplied by Mr. Eric Shipp, biologist at Macquarie Island in 1950-51.

### ADELIE PENGUIN (*Pygoscelis adeliae*)

A single adult female was found on the beach near the ANARE Station on November 19, 1950. Its weight was 7 lb. 11 ozs., and in its photographs the bird looks emaciated, though it was not noted to be in poor condition at the time of its capture. The skin is now in the National Museum, Melbourne (reg. no. B 4121).