

## Distribution of Sea Birds in Austral Summer Season in the Southern Ocean

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### 夏季南極洋における主要鳥種の分布

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#### 要 旨

- (1) 海上において鳥種を判定する場合それぞれの分布区域をあらかじめ知っていることは重要な要素となる。このため、南大西洋および南インド洋を含む南極洋で、11月から3月の時期に出現する主要鳥種について、分布の北限および南限を求め図示し、簡単な説明をこころみた
- (2) 本文において取り扱った鳥種はアホウドリ科6種、ミズナギドリ科13種、ウミツバメ科2種、モクリウミツバメ類、トウソクカモメ科2種、およびペンギン科4種、計27種である。

(3) 分布の北限および南限は、東京水産大学「海鷹丸」による3次にわたる航海、日本水産株式会社「第27興南丸」、「第20興南丸」（観察者、船長山田 異）による航海、その他の航海中の観察資料によって求めた。

(4) 各種についてカラー写真を掲げ、また、分布図に繁殖地、産卵時期を付記し、今後の海上における観察および分布の考察に便ならしめた。

(5) 量的分布、産卵時期に対する分布密度の移動などについては今後考察する

#### Introduction

This paper deals with the distribution of the principal species of sea birds that are found in the Indian and Atlantic Sectors of the Southern Ocean including the Antarctic Ocean during the navigable season from November to March.

Both the northern and southern limits of their distribution are treated, but the quantitative studies are not considered in the present paper. The range of distribution is useful as an aid to identification of the species encountered at sea.

Photographs in colour of the species dealt with are given in Photos 1-27.

#### Materials

The materials used in locating the northern- and southernmost occurrences were taken from the data obtained during the cruises and also the references mentioned below:

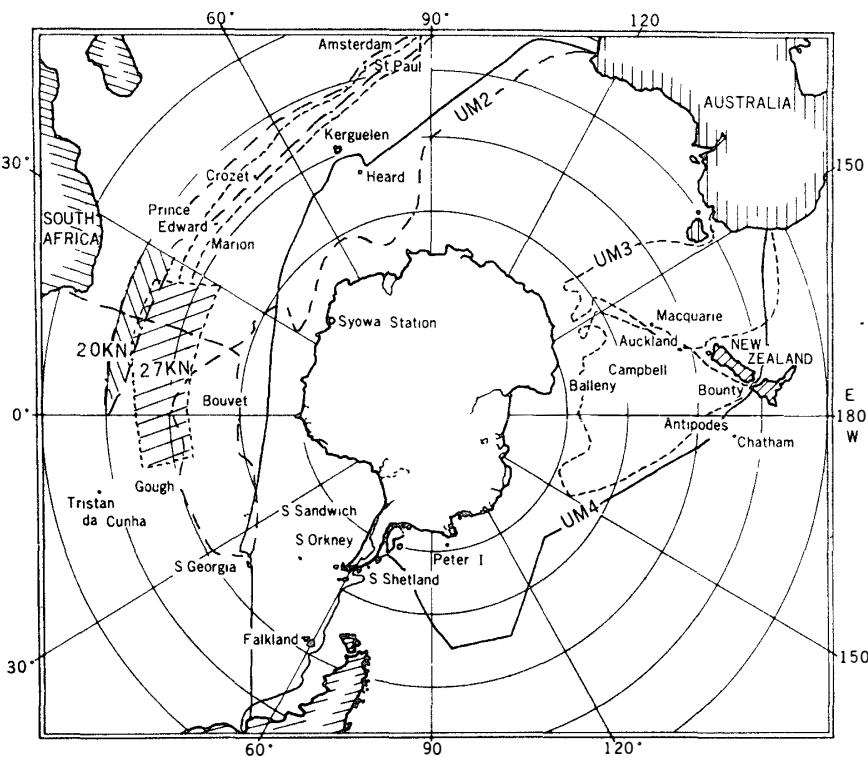
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## 1961-62 (UM 2)

The 3rd Antarctic cruise of UMITAKA-MARU, 1964-65 (UM 3).  
 The 4th Antarctic cruise of UMITAKA-MARU, 1966-67 (UM 4).  
 The whaling cruise of KONAN-MARU No. 27 of Nihon Suisan Kaisha Ltd., 1965-66 (27 KN).  
 The whaling cruise of KONAN-MARU No. 20, 1966-67 (20 KN)  
 The ship's tracks or cruised areas of KONAN-MARU No. 27 and No. 20 are mapped in the next figure.



The references of sea-birds were quoted from FALLA (1937), FLEMING (1950) and DELL (1960).

Of the known breeding grounds of the species, the below-mentioned reports are quoted, presenting only the author's names (see References); FALLA (1937), CRAWFORD (1952), ALEXANDER (1955), BAILEY and SORENSEN (1962), DOWNES *et al.* (1959), FALLA (1966), MURPHY (1936), SOLYANIK (1959) and CARRICK *et al.* (1967).

#### Species Dealt with in This Paper

As mentioned already, the present paper deals with the principal species of sea birds with which the voyagers encounter in the Indian and Atlantic sectors of the

Southern Ocean as far southward as the pack ice area.

The scientific names and common English and Japanese names of these birds are given below. English names are used in this paper.

Scientific name	Common name	Japanese name
Family <i>Diomedidae</i> :	Albatrosses:	アホウトリ科
1. <i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Wandering albatross	ワタリアホウトリ
2. <i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Black-browed albatross	マユクロアホウトリ
3. <i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Grey-headed albatross	
4. <i>Diomedea chlororhynchos</i>	Yellow-nosed albatross	
5. <i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	Light-mantled sooty albatross	ハイイロアホウトリ
6. <i>Phoebetria fusca</i>	Sooty albatross	ススイロアホウトリ
Family <i>Procellariidae</i> :	Petrels, Shearwaters, Fulmars:	ミスナギトリ科
7. <i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Giant petrel	オオフルマカモメ
8. <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	White-chinned petrel	アコンロフルマカモメ
9. <i>Daption capensis</i>	Cape pigeon	マタラフルマカモメ
10. <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Silver-grey fulmar	キンフルマカモメ
11. <i>Thalassarche antarctica</i>	Antarctic petrel	ナンキョクフルマカモメ
12. <i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	Snow petrel	ユキトリ
13. <i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	Blue petrel	アオドリ
14. <i>Pachyptila</i> spp.	Prions	クジラトリ
15. <i>Pterodroma lessoni</i>	White-headed petrel	
16. <i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	Soft-plumaged petrel	
17. <i>Pterodroma incerta</i>	Schlegel's petrel	
18. <i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Greater shearwater	
19. <i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Sooty shearwater	ハイイロミスナキトリ ウミツバメ科
Family <i>Hydrobatidae</i> :	Storm-petrels:	
20. <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Wilson's storm-petrel	アシナガコソシロ ウミツバメ
21. <i>Fregetta tropica</i>	Black-bellied storm-petrel	クロハラウミツバメ
Family <i>Pelecanoididae</i> :	Diving petrels:	モクリウミツバメ科
22. <i>Pelecanoides</i> spp.	Diving petrels	モクリウミツバメ
Family <i>Stercorariidae</i> :	Skuas:	トウソクカモメ科
23. <i>Stercorarius skua lonnbergi</i>	Great skua	オオトウソクカモメ
23'. <i>Stercorarius s. maccormicki</i>	McCormick's skua	
Family <i>Spheniscidae</i> :	Penguins:	ペンギン科
24. <i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>	Emperor penguin	コウテイペンギン
25. <i>Aptenodytes patagonica</i>	King penguin	オオサマペンギン
26. <i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	Adelie penguin	アテリーペンギン
27. <i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>	Chinstrap penguin	ヒケペンギン

### Distribution Limits

The northern and southern limits of occurrences recorded on the sea bird logs are tabulated by species in order in Appendices, and are marked with black dots and cross marks respectively in the figures; the serial numbers heading the names in the above list correspond to the numbers of the photographs and those of the figures showing the limits.

Asterisked record in Appendices means that the occurrence is expected in the more northerly or southerly waters, when the ship did not cruise farther north or south according to the alternation of the ship's course from the northward bound to the southward, and *vice versa*.

The locality asterisked in Appendices is shown by a circle in the figures.

In the figures, the limits are shown for the northernmost or southernmost positions of occurrences, estimated limits being shown by broken lines. Known breeding grounds of the species are indicated by the figures of black arrows, places of suspected breeding are shown by that of white arrows.

The egg-dates are entered in the lower right corner of the figures, the data are according to "Birds of the Ocean" by ALEXANDER.

### Brief Description of Distribution Limits

The distribution limits, both northern and southern or longitudinal limits, by relative species are briefly described.

#### 1. Wandering albatross (Fig. 1)

Immature birds and non-breeders are at sea throughout the year and many of them are probably circumpolar birds.

The northern limit in summer seems to lie parallel of 30°S, except for the offings of the south coast of Australia.

The southern limit appears and was reported at approximately 40 miles seaward from the pack ice.

#### 2. Black-browed albatross (Fig. 2)

There are two known races, common black-browed albatross, *Diomedea melanophris melanophris*, a circumpolar type, and New Zealand black-browed albatross, *Diomedea melanophris impavida*, the distinctive race having pale horn-coloured eyes when matured (Photo 2-1); the former is slightly larger with dark eyes at all ages.

The northern limit in the Indian Ocean is found to deviate more southerly than that of the wandering albatross. Their southward range reaches the northern limit of the pack ice area in the sector south of New Zealand. However, they are

observed in the more northern waters elsewhere.

### 3. Grey-headed albatross (Fig. 3)

The grey-headed albatross ranges more southerly than that of the yellow-nosed albatross, these two species are the congeners each other.

This species appears to have a more restricted range than the black-browed albatross. The southern limit was recorded along the parallel of 60°S, but the northern extensions appear north of the Ross and Weddell Seas, where the northern extensions of cold water masses as well as ice bergs are observed.

### 4. Yellow-nosed albatross (Fig. 4)

This species breeds on Tristan da Cunha and Gough in the Atlantic and on Amsterdam and St. Paul Islands in the Indian Ocean, with its distribution range confined to temperate waters of the eastern part of the Southern Atlantic to the Indian Ocean including the southern sea of Australia, extending to the Bass Strait in the east.

The southern limit reaches to approximately 50°S between the south of the Tristan da Cunha group and long. 90°E.

### 5. Light-mantled sooty albatross (Fig. 5)

The light-mantled sooty albatross and the sooty albatross are very similar in appearance, but the former is known to have southern distribution in circumpolar regions, being frequently found along the edge of the pack ice.

It has more southerly range than the sooty albatross.

The northern limit is found along about lat. 45°S.

### 6. Sooty albatross (Fig. 6)

This species breeds in places almost similar to those of the yellow-nosed albatross, being limited to a narrow belt of the temperate zone of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Its range extends the Tristan da Cunha group in the west and off Cape Leeuwin, Western Australia in the east.

In the north-south direction, the ranges of these two similar-looking species overlap in the waters enclosing Bouvet, Crozet and Kerguelen Islands.

### 7. Giant petrel (Fig. 7)

The giant petrel is known as scavenger and ocean wanderer, particularly in immature stage. Scavenger flocks gather around whaling factory ships. They are rather in small numbers in the southern waters of Western Australia, whereas very common in New Zealand seas and around the Falkland Islands. The southern range extends as far as the pack ice or farther south.

### 8. White-chinned petrel (Fig. 8)

This species is found more frequently in larger numbers mostly in subantarctic seas of the Indian Ocean than elsewhere.

In the eastern South Pacific, no birds were seen between a meridian of  $120^{\circ}\text{W}$  and a route northward from the South Shetland Islands.

#### 9. Cape pigeon (Fig. 9)

There are two subspecies, a New Zealand race *Daption capensis australis* and a southern race *Daption capensis capensis*. The former seems to range from Tasmania in the west and goes eastward to approximately  $160^{\circ}\text{W}$  in longitude. The latter has a circumpolar distribution and is common in the Antarctic waters off the pack ice edge.

#### 10. Silver-grey fulmar (Fig. 10)

Silver-grey fulmar, Antarctic petrel and snow petrel are representative species in the Antarctic, and are usually seen on ice floating seas south of lat.  $60^{\circ}\text{S}$ . But the silver-grey fulmar is known as a breeder on Kerguelen and probably Crozet, Bouvet and South Sandwich Islands, because the birds have been sighted around Crozet and Bouvet Islands.

#### 11. Antarctic petrel (Fig. 11)

The Antarctic petrel has its northern limit of range to about 100 miles seaward from the pack ice edge. However, some birds are found more than 400 miles outwards, where great amounts of ice bergs are encountered at all times.

The northern limit corresponds geographically with the northern extensions of cold waters as well as ice bergs drifting from the Ross and Weddell Seas.

One northernmost occurrence was recorded near Bouvet Island. The breeding ground on the Island was suspected.

#### 12. Snow petrel (Fig. 12)

The snow petrel has its breeding places on the continent and on some scattered islands in the Antarctic; the South Orkney Islands, South Georgia and also Bouvet Island. Usually they are common within 40 miles seaward from the pack ice.

#### 13. Blue petrel (Fig. 13)

Including blue petrel and six species of prions, they are commonly called the whale birds, but identification of each species is difficult at sea, except the blue bird which has a distinguishable white band at tip of the tail.

As shown in Fig. 13, the southern limit of the blue petrel is undoubtedly as far southward as the pack ice, but the northern limit is only estimated because of scarcity of data. Probably, they are distributed in the waters north of their known breeding grounds; approximately lat.  $45^{\circ}\text{S}$  in circumpolar.

14. Prions (Figs. 14-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

A study of birds from breeding places shows that there is an almost bewildering variety of distinguishable forms, but, as mentioned above, it is difficult to make identification of six species flying at sea.

The northern breeders are broad-billed prion, *Pachyptila vittata*, fairy prion, *Pachyptila turtur* and fulmar prion, *Pachyptila crassirostris*.

Lesser broad-billed prion, *Pachyptila salvini*, breeds on Marion and Crozet Islands in the Indian Ocean.

The southern dwellers are narrow-billed prion, *Pachyptila belcheri* (Photo 14-1) and Antarctic prion, *Pachyptila desolata* (Photo 14-2). These two species are widespread in the Southern Ocean in summer.

15. White-headed petrel (Fig. 15)

The distribution of white-headed petrel is almost circumpolar areas. The northern limit is observed north to approximately lat. 42°–40°S in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, about lat. 45°S elsewhere except east of South America where no records are available. The southern limit appears southwards to nearly the outer edge of the pack ice.

16. Soft-plumaged petrel (Fig. 16)

This species has its breeding grounds on Tristan da Cunha and Gough Islands in the Atlantic as well as at Amsterdam, St. Paul and Kerguelen in the Indian Ocean. They are seen between South America and southwest of Australia in the east. The northern limit is likely to be along the parallel of 30°S in the Indian Ocean, the southernmost range is found east of Heard Island and around the Falkland Islands.

17. Schlegel's petrel (Fig. 17)

This species breeds on Tristan da Cunha, ranging between South American coast in the west and north of Prins Edward Island in the east.

The northern limit ranges along the parallel of 40°S, but the extreme northward range could be north of Tristan da Cunha. The southern limit lies along the parallel of approximately 50°S.

18. Greater shearwater (Fig. 18)

The greater shearwater is the representative species in the South Atlantic, occurring in flocks of great numbers. The range is found in the area of the Schlegel's petrel, but a somewhat northerly distribution is expected.

The eastern limit is found along the meridian of 30°E.

19. Sooty shearwater (Fig. 19)

This species is known as a distant navigator, and its movements extend northward as far as the Bering Sea in summer of the northern hemisphere. In the austral summer season, they are, in large flocks, reported from south to the Pack ice edge. Its breeding grounds are located in New Zealand region, mainly south of 44°S, extending to Macquarie Island, 55°S as well as the little known nesting regions of South America.

The occurrence extends eastwards to 62°S, the Greenwich meridian.

#### 20. Wilson's storm-petrel (Fig. 20)

This species is the most common and widespread storm-petrel in the Southern Ocean, the most abundant occurrence was reported around the South Shetland Islands. The southern limit goes as far as the pack ice because the nesting grounds are known on the Antarctic continent. The northern limit shows variation on account of the migrating movements.

#### 21. Black-bellied storm-petrel (Fig. 21)

The black-bellied storm-petrel is a circumpolar species, breeding on many subantarctic islands. Its range appears between approximately lat. 40°S in the north and the pack ice in the south, but no birds were seen in the northern part of Drake Passage in December, 1966.

#### 22. Diving petrels (Fig. 22)

Four species in total are known in the Southern Ocean. Diving petrels are confined to the southern hemisphere. Figure shows their occurrences in areas enclosing the breeding grounds and also recorded localities. The southernmost range appears in the South Shetland waters. The northern limit was observed in the Bass Strait and off Rio de la Plata, Argentina.

#### 23. Skuas (Fig. 23)

There are two known species of the skua in the southern hemisphere, great skua, a northern race, and McCormick's skua, a southern race; the former breeds mainly on the subantarctic islands, and the latter on the continent.

The range extends from temperate seas in the north to the continent in the south.

#### 24. Emperor penguin (Fig. 24)

The emperor penguin has the most southerly range, only coming northward to the outer edge of the pack ice.

#### 25. King penguin (Fig. 25)

This species breeds on the subantarctic islands, showing a more northerly range than the emperor penguin. The king penguin seems to stay on land and

very seldom strays out far from the land.

#### 26. Adelie penguin (Fig. 26)

Its range is confined within short distances from the pack ice edge or from the land where they nest. Stragglers are seldom seen at sea.

Recently the nests of the Adelie penguin were discovered at Bouvet Island, indicating the northernmost breeding place.

#### 27. Chinstrap penguin (Fig. 27)

The chinstrap penguin is the most active penguin, sometimes straying out farther distant from the breeding grounds; the major grounds are located on the South Shetland, South Orkney and South Sandwich Islands.

Its range seems to extend eastward and westward along the pack ice, showing an almost circumpolar distribution. The northern breeding grounds are found on Bouvet and Heard Islands.

### Summary

(1) In the present paper maps give the distribution limits of the principal species of sea birds which are observed in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean sectors of the Southern Ocean in the austral summer.

(2) The species dealt with are: 4 species of Family *Spheniscidae*, 6 species of Family *Diomedaeidae*, 13 species of Family *Procellariidae*, 2 species of Family *Hydrobatidae*, *Pelecanoides* spp. and 2 species of Family *Stercorariidae*; 27 species in total.

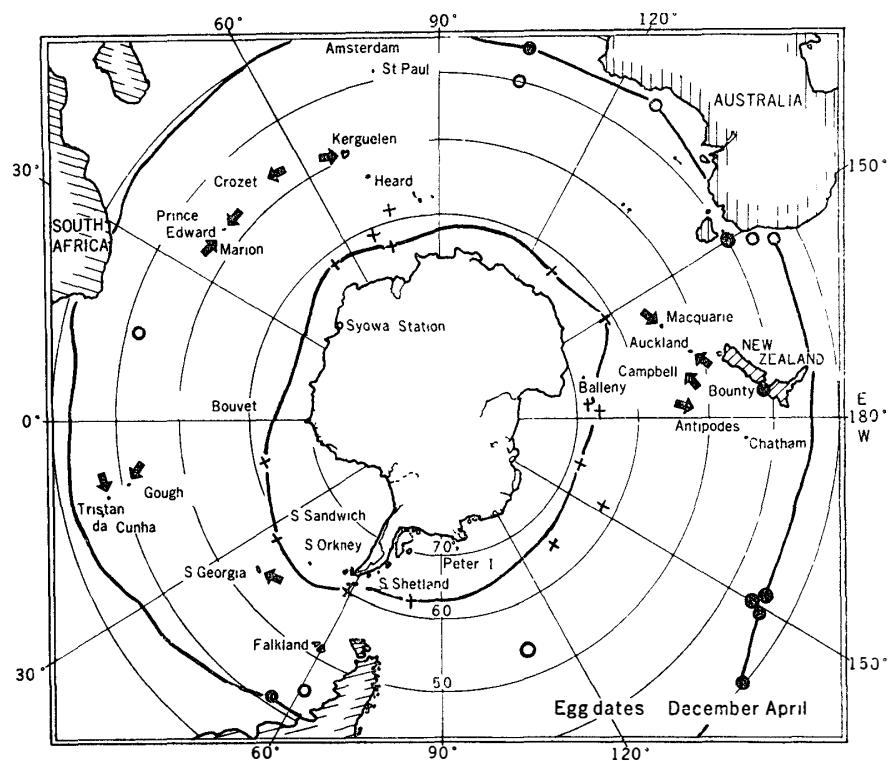
(3) The quantitative study of the distribution is not attempted.

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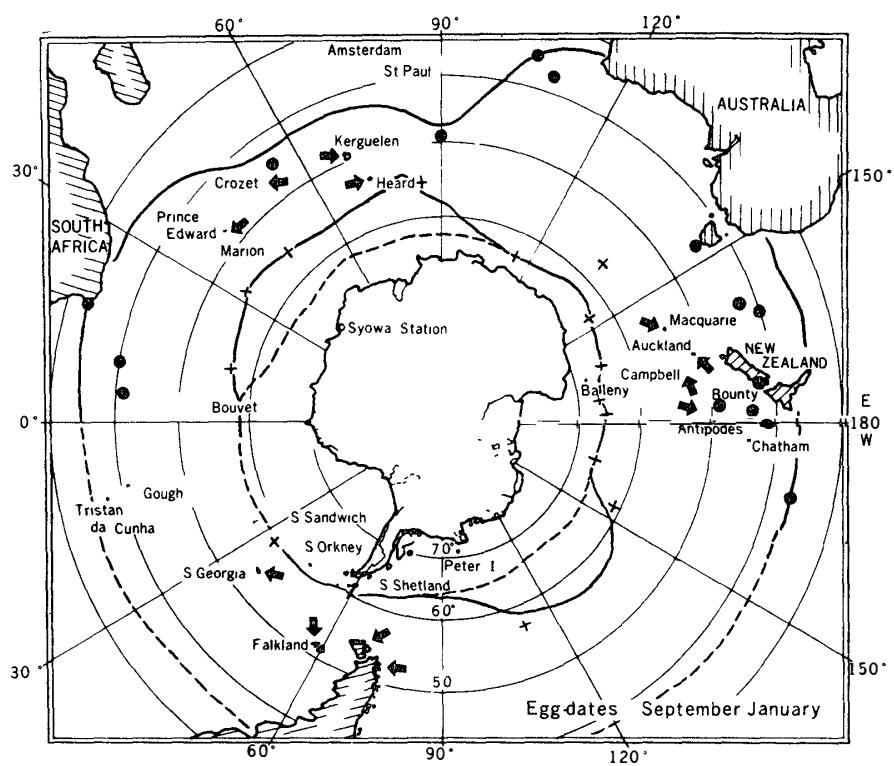
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*Fig. 1. Map showing the distribution limits of wandering albatross*



*Fig. 2. Map showing the distribution limits of black-browed albatross.*

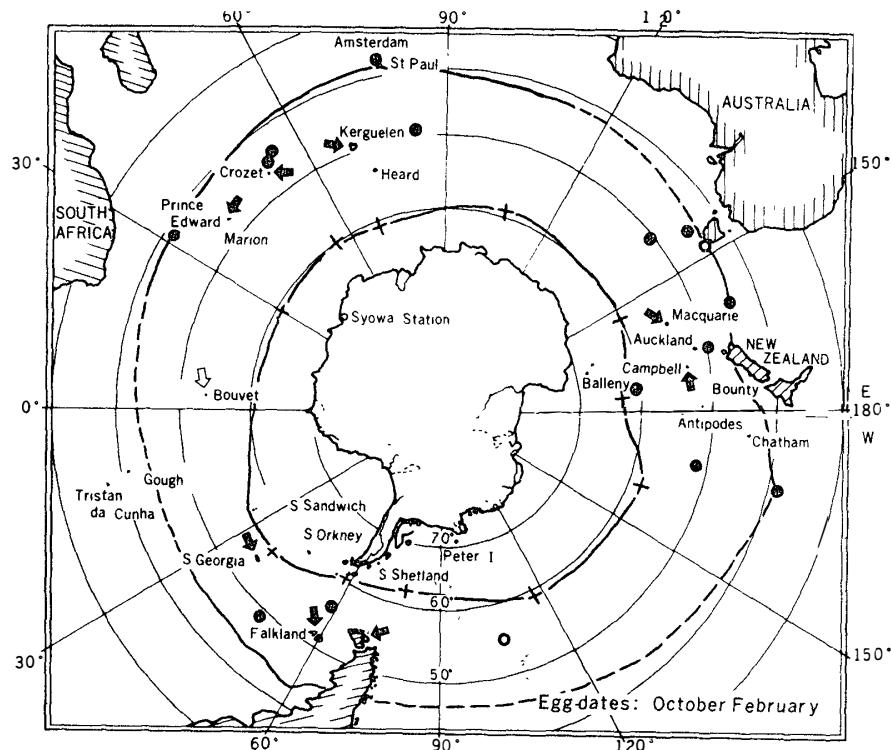


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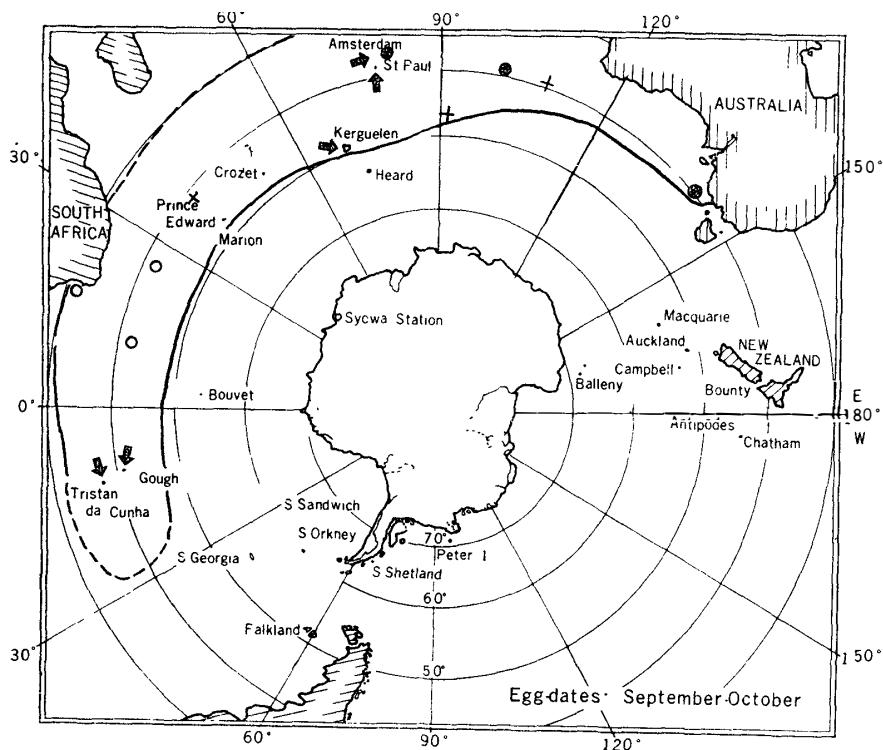


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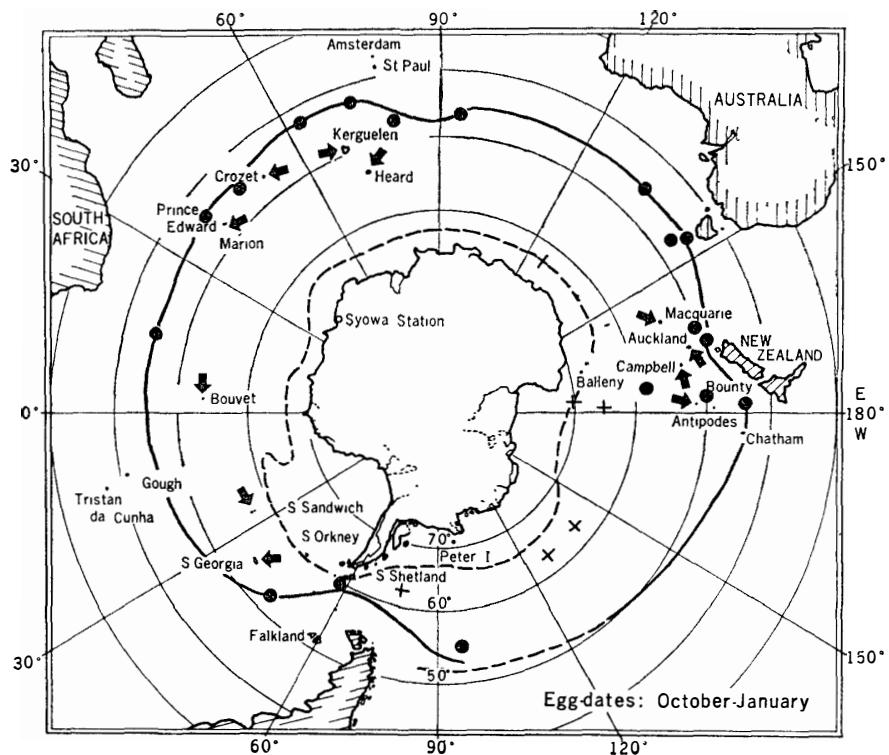


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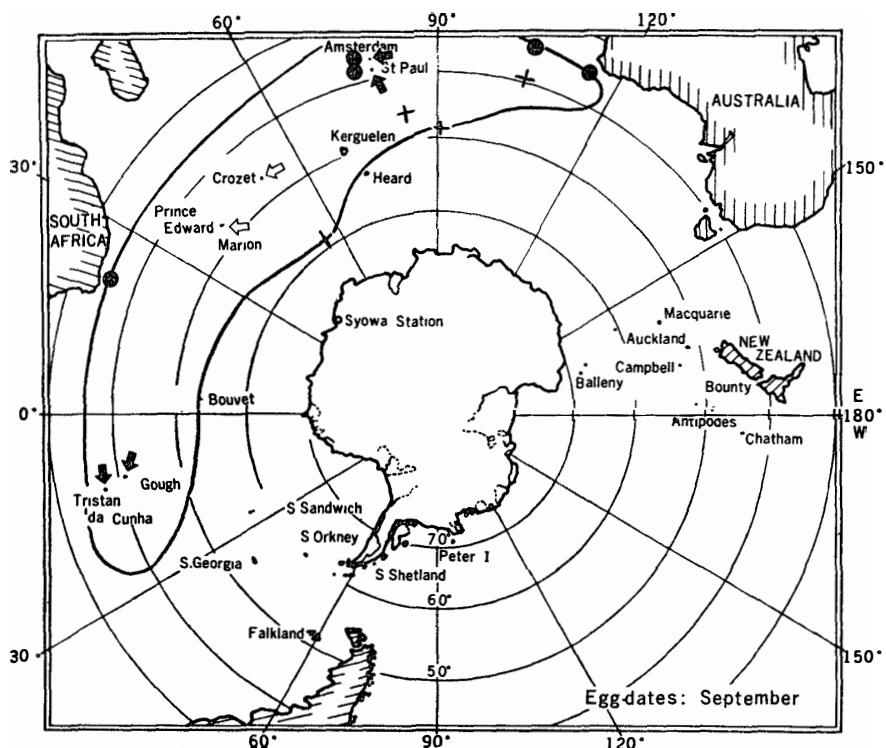


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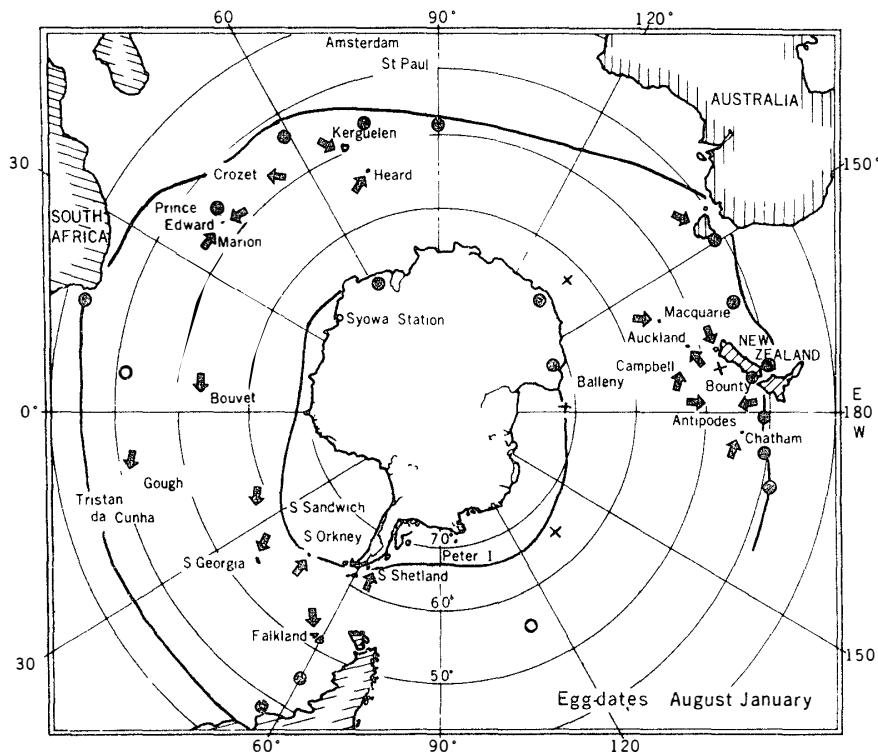


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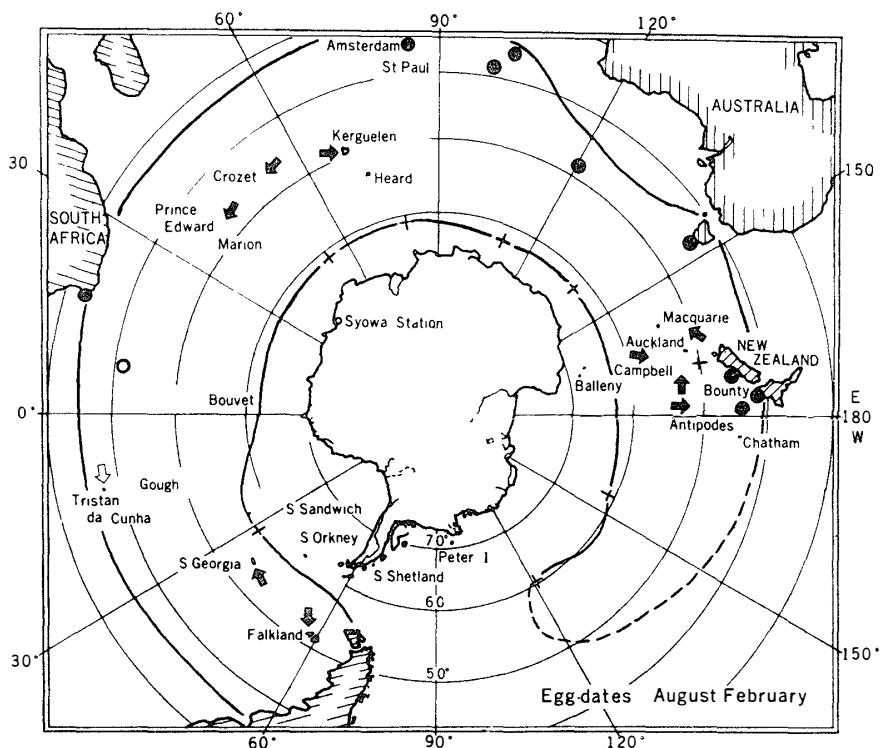


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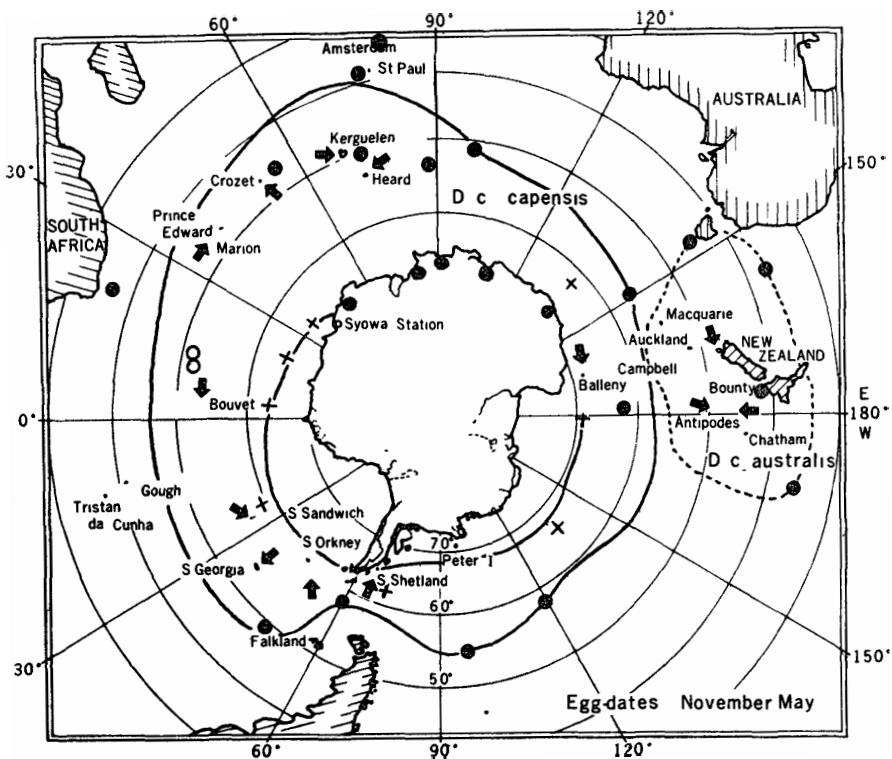


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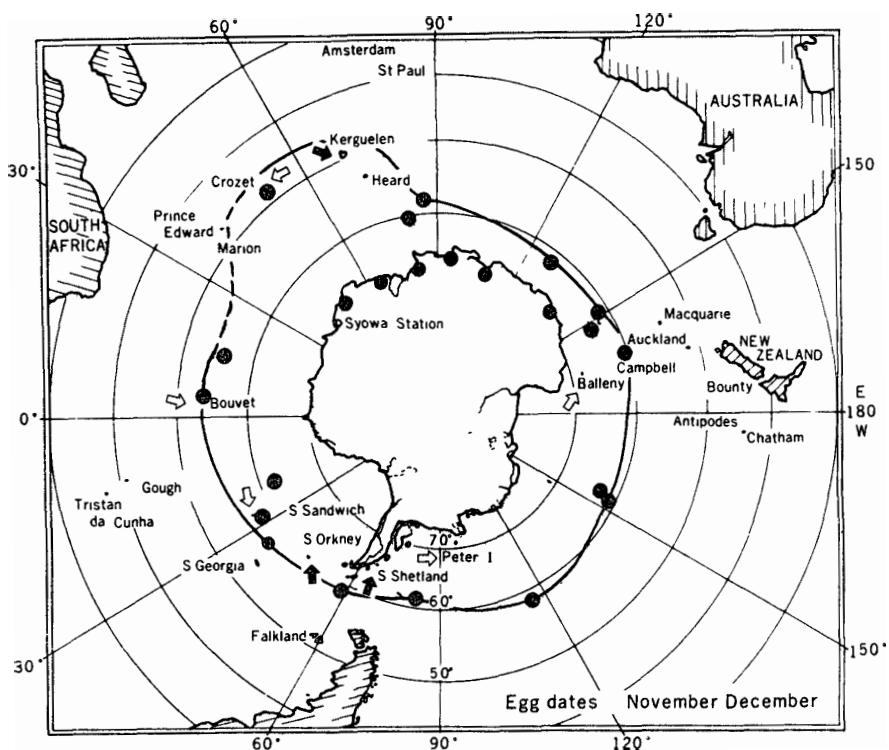


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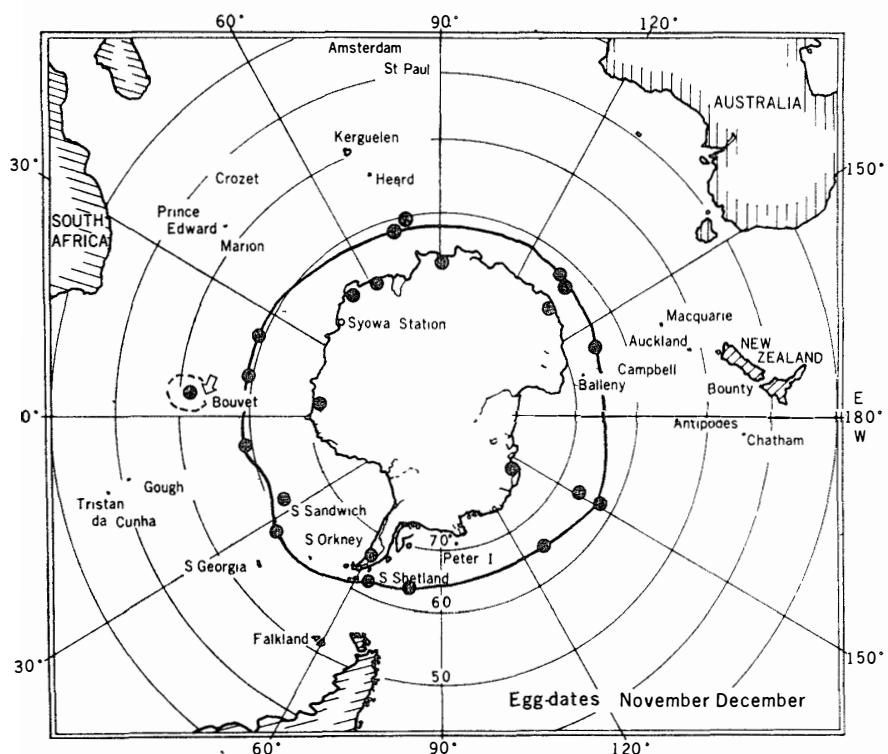


Fig. 11. Map showing the distribution limit (northern limit) of Antarctic petrel

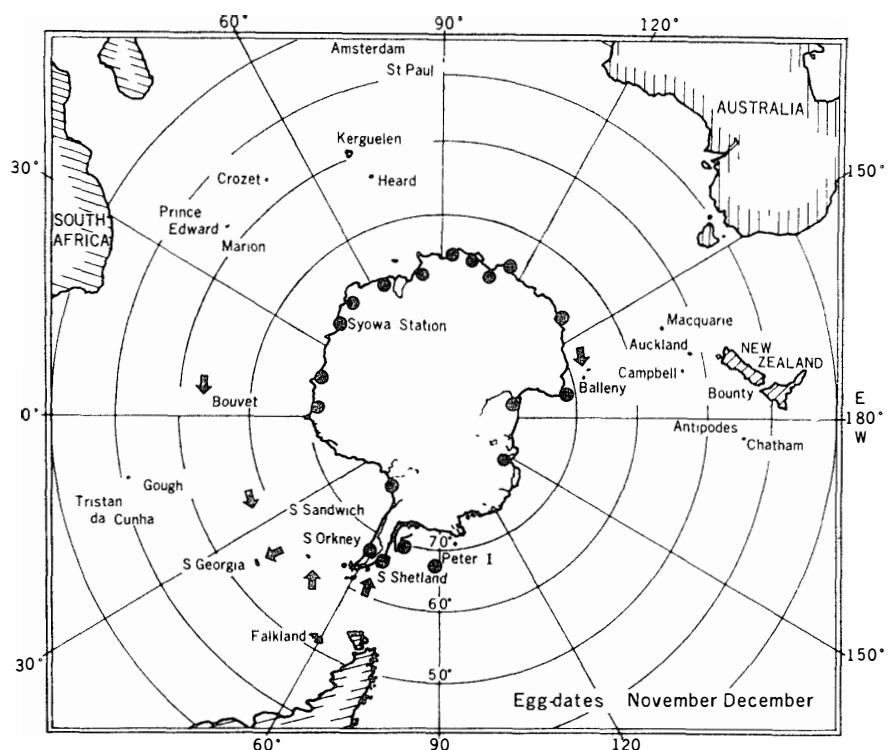


Fig. 12 Map showing the known breeding grounds of snow petrel

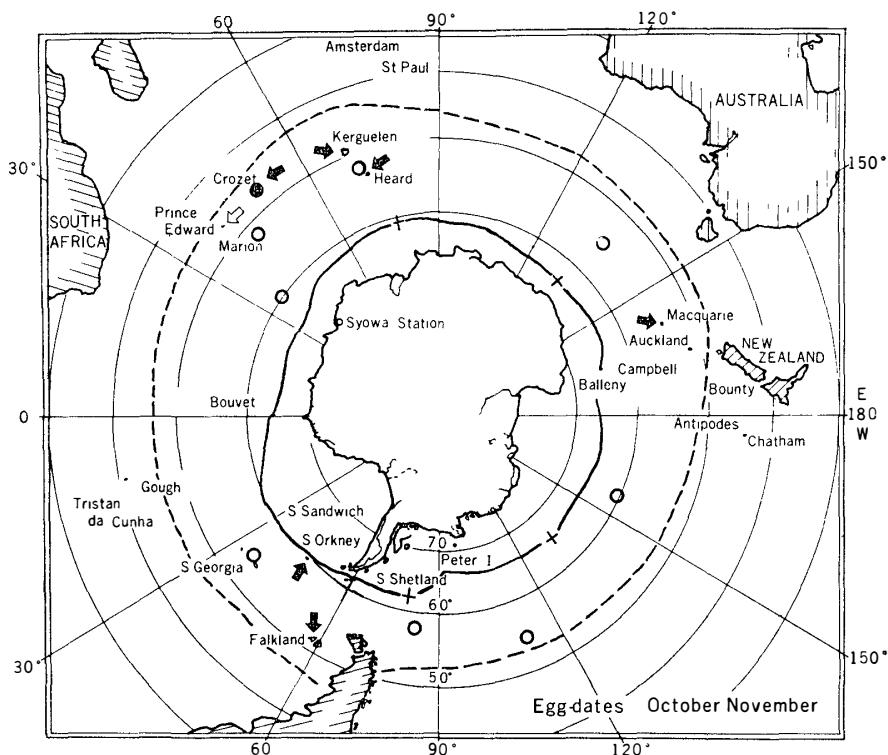


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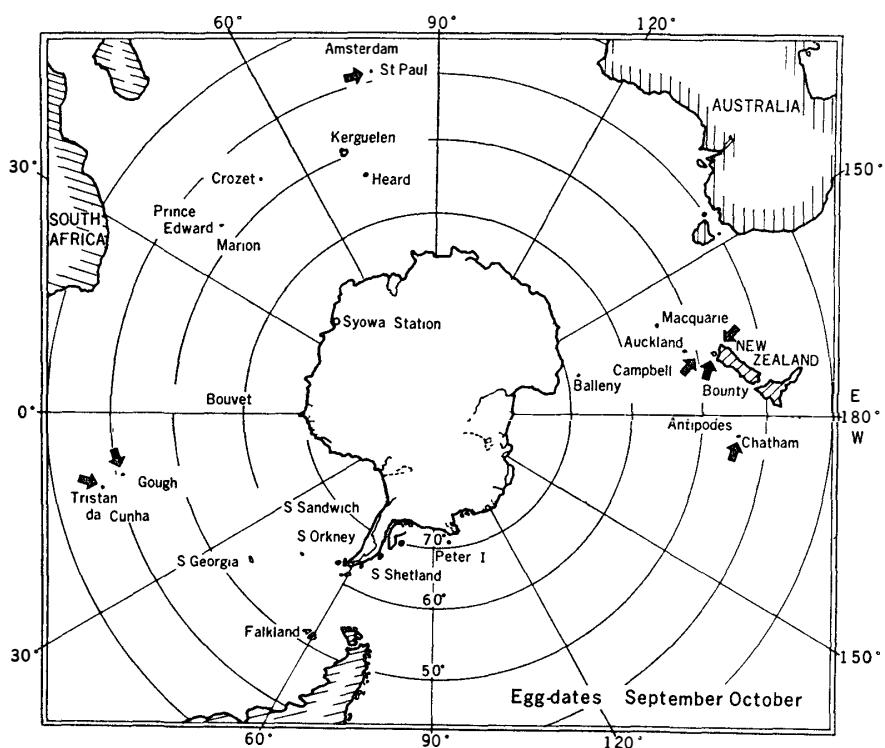


Fig. 14-1. Map showing the known breeding grounds of broad-billed prion.

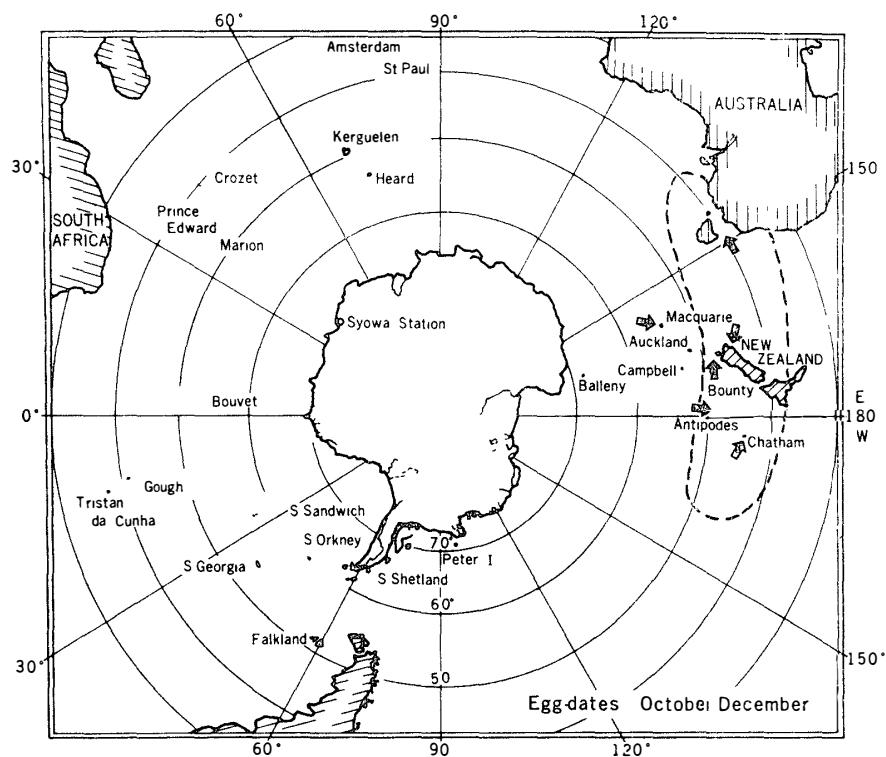


Fig. 14-2 Map showing the distribution limit of fairy prion

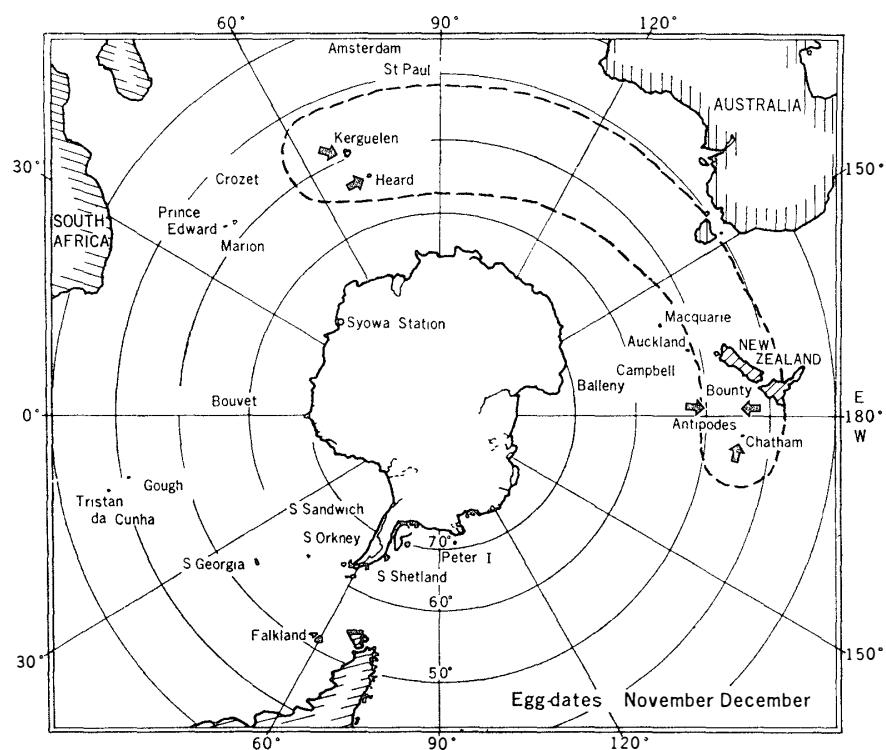


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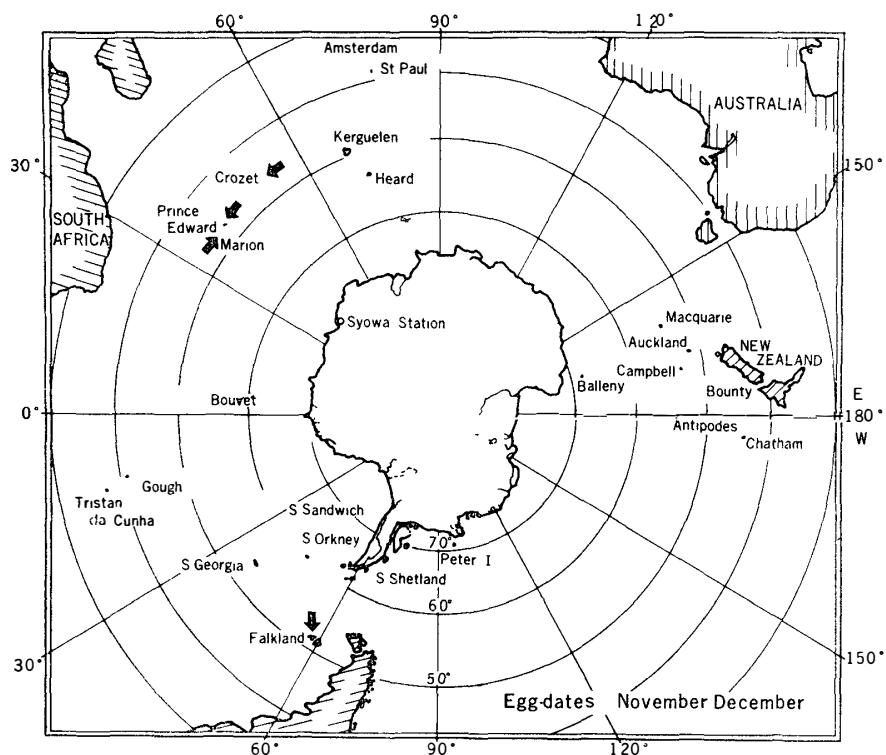


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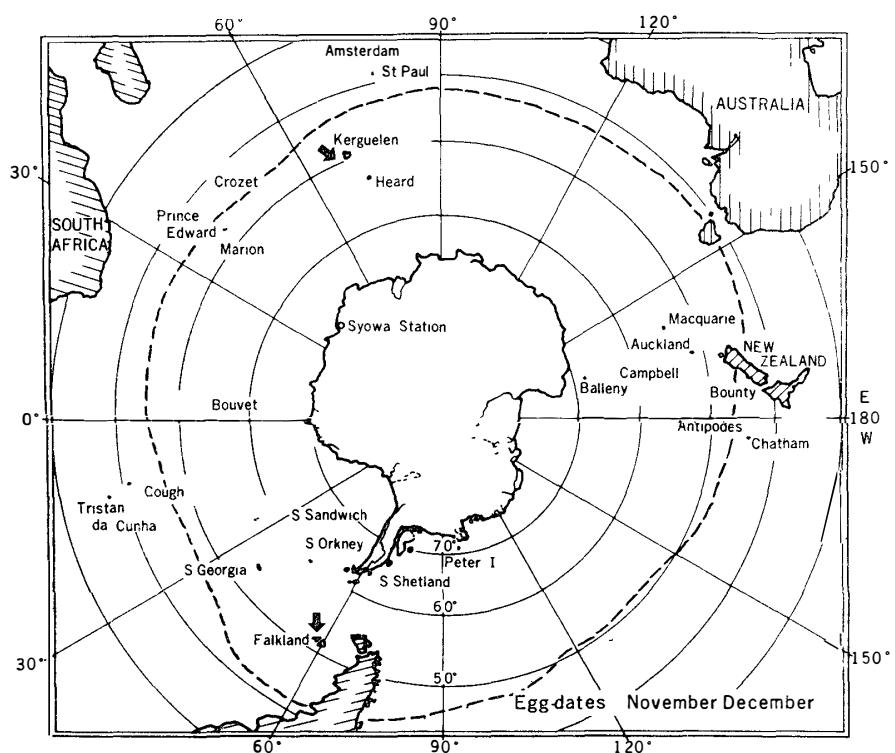


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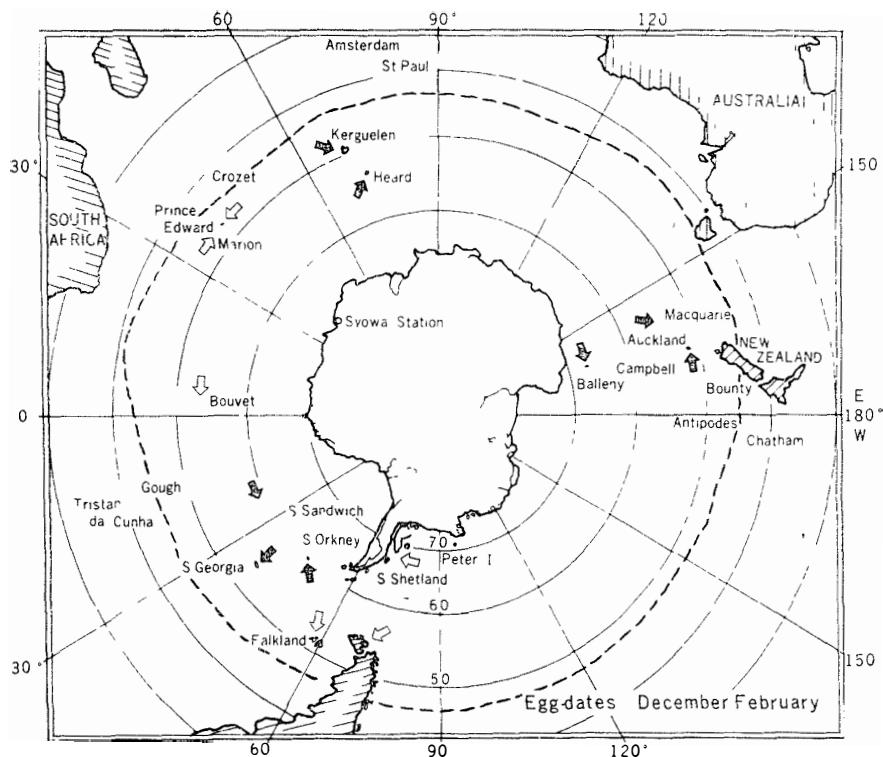


Fig. 14-6. Map showing the distribution limit (northern limit) of Antarctic prion.

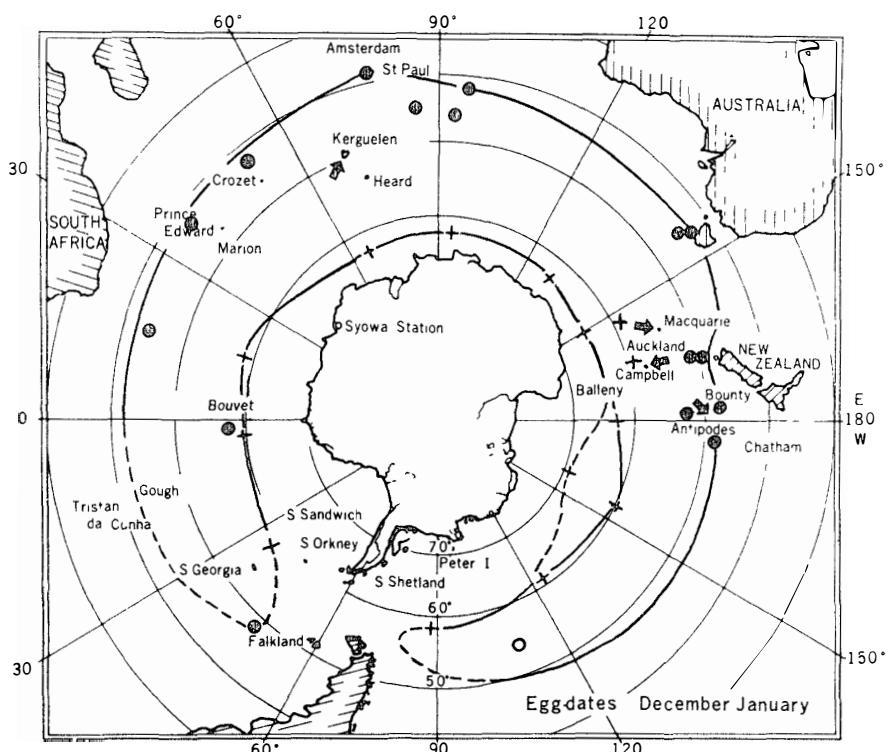
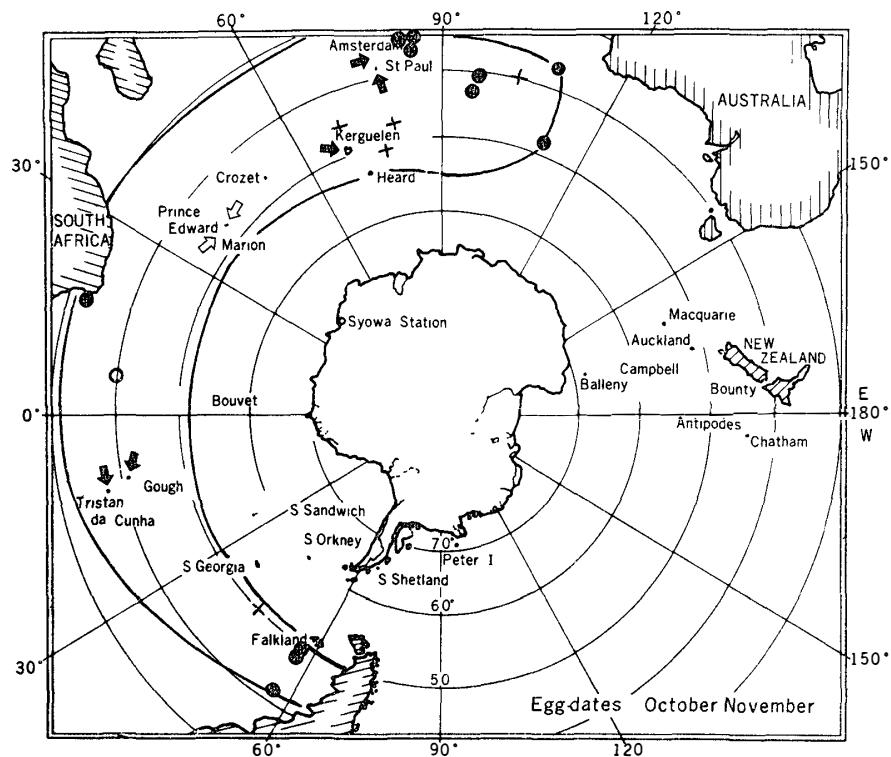
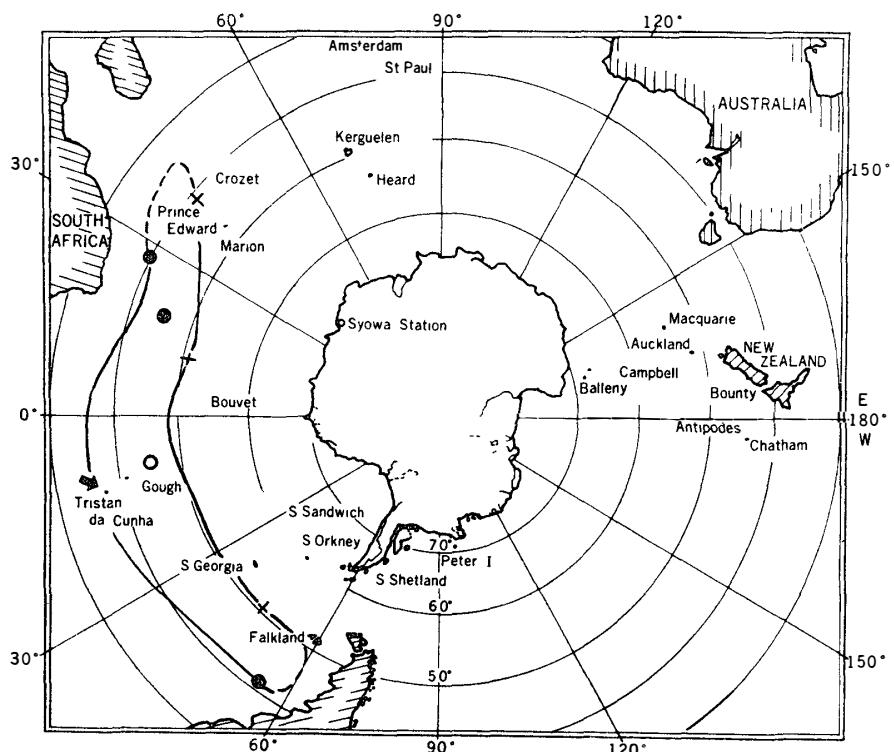


Fig. 15. Map showing the distribution limits of white-headed petrel.



*Fig. 16. Map showing the distribution limits of soft-plumaged petrel.*



*Fig. 17. Map showing the distribution limits of Schlegel's petrel.*

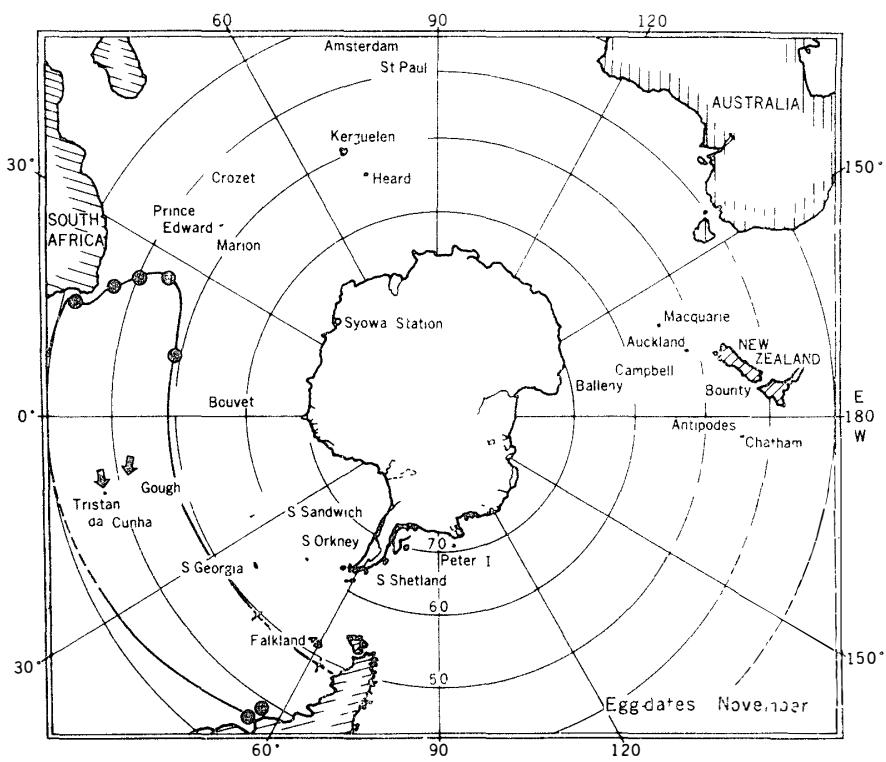


Fig. 18. Map showing the distribution limits of greater shearwater.

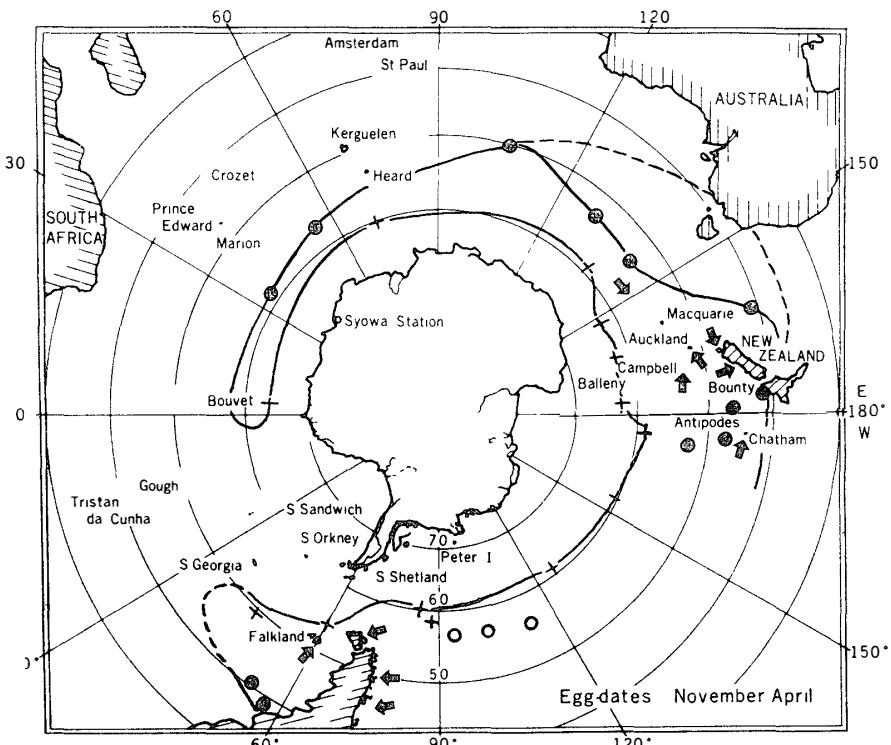


Fig. 19. Map showing the distribution limits of sooty shearwater.

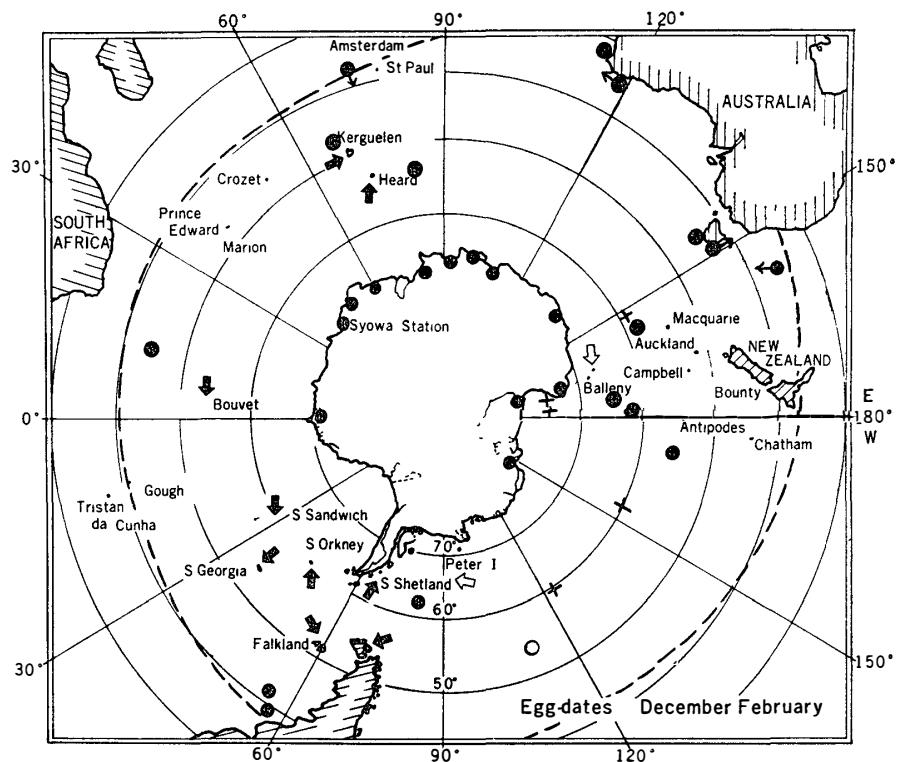


Fig. 20. Map showing the distribution limit (northern limit) of Wilson's storm-petrel.

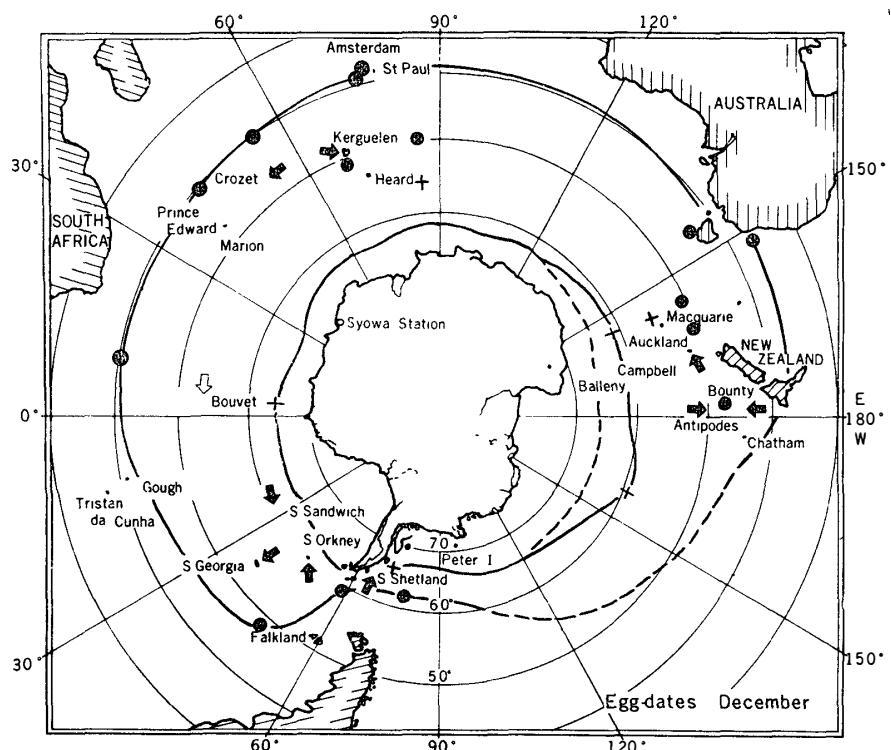


Fig. 21. Map showing the distribution limits of black-bellied storm-petrel

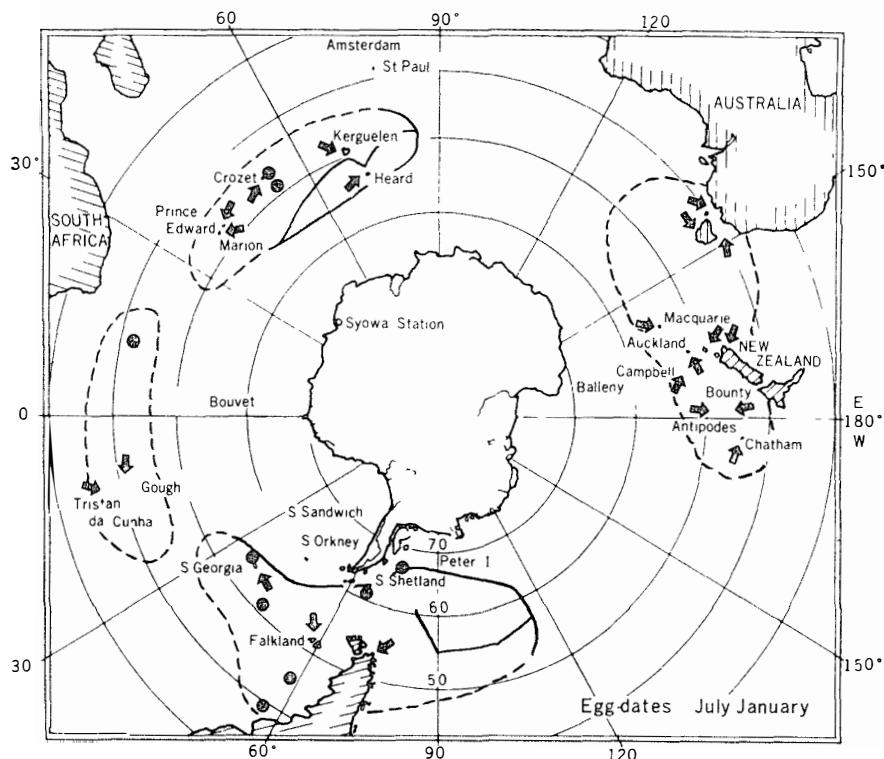


Fig. 22 Map showing the distribution limits of diving petrels

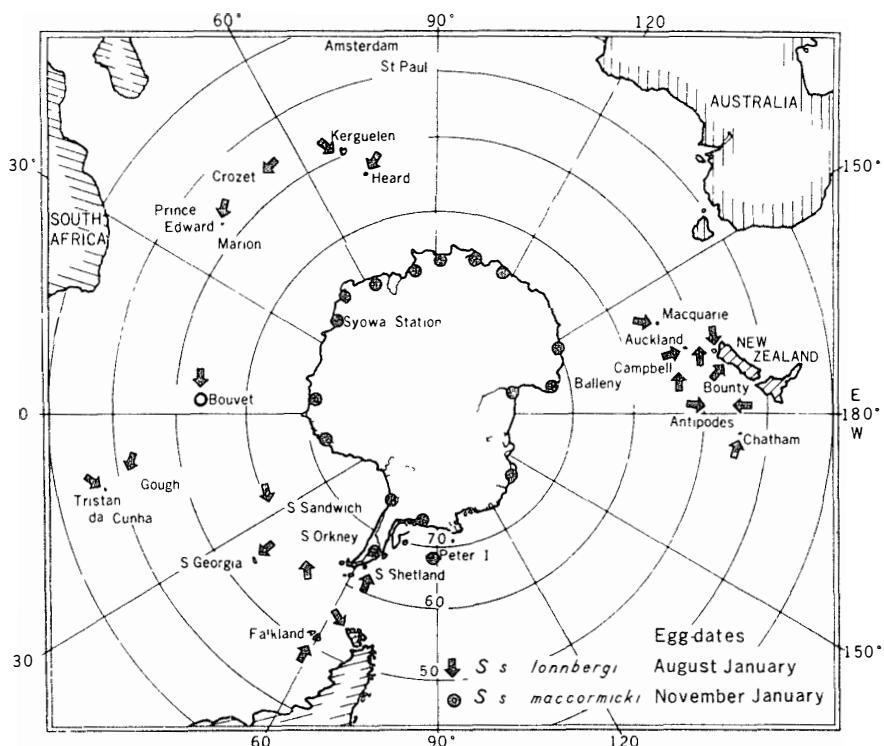
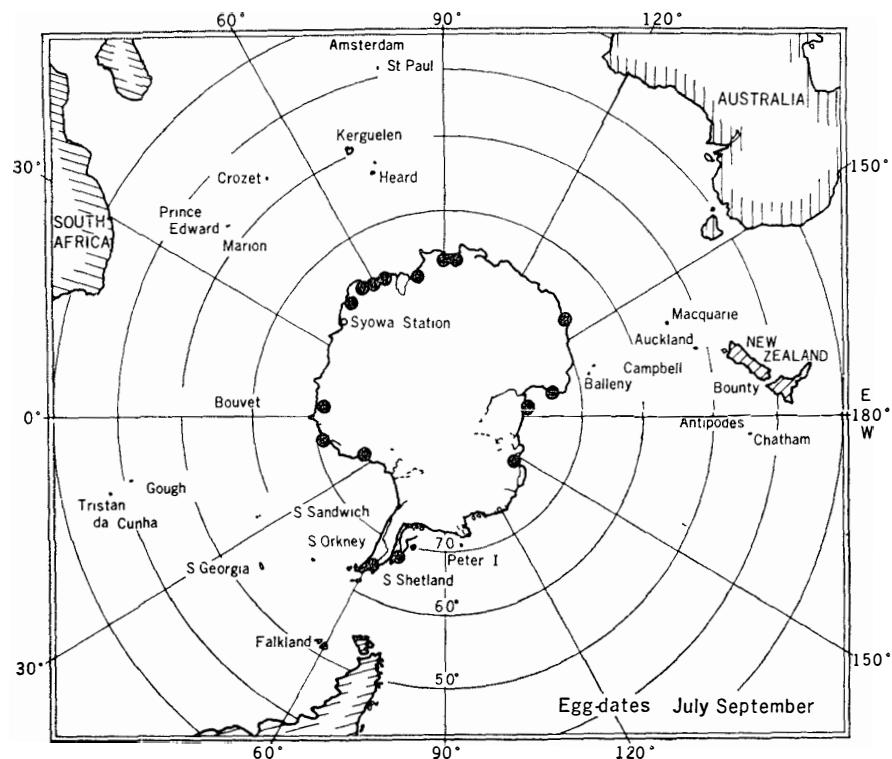
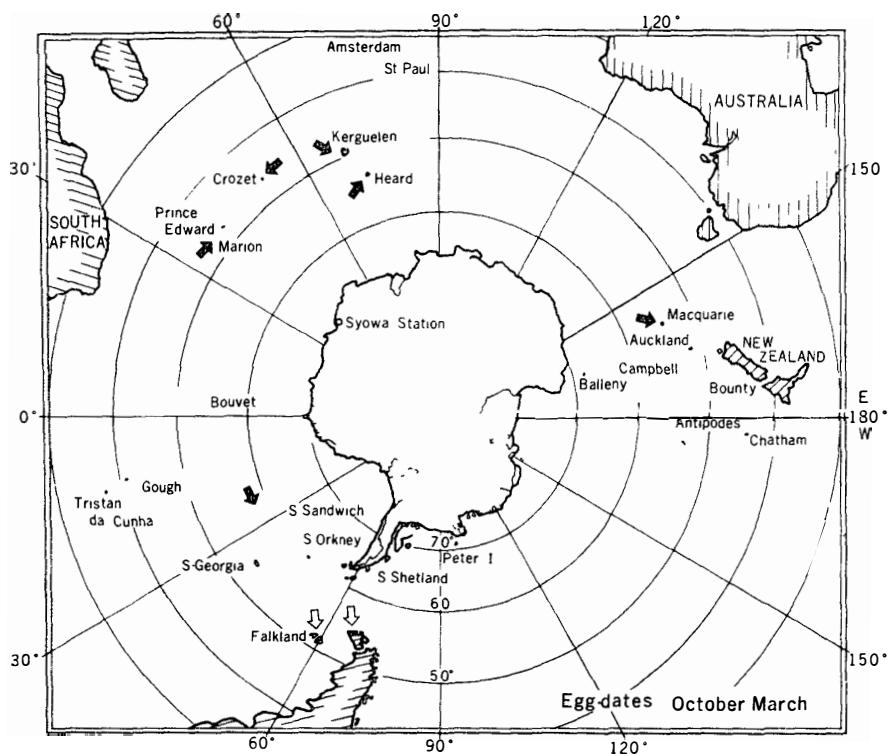


Fig. 23 Map showing the known breeding grounds of skuas



*Fig. 24. Map showing the known breeding grounds of emperor penguin.*



*Fig. 25. Map showing the known breeding grounds of king penguin.*

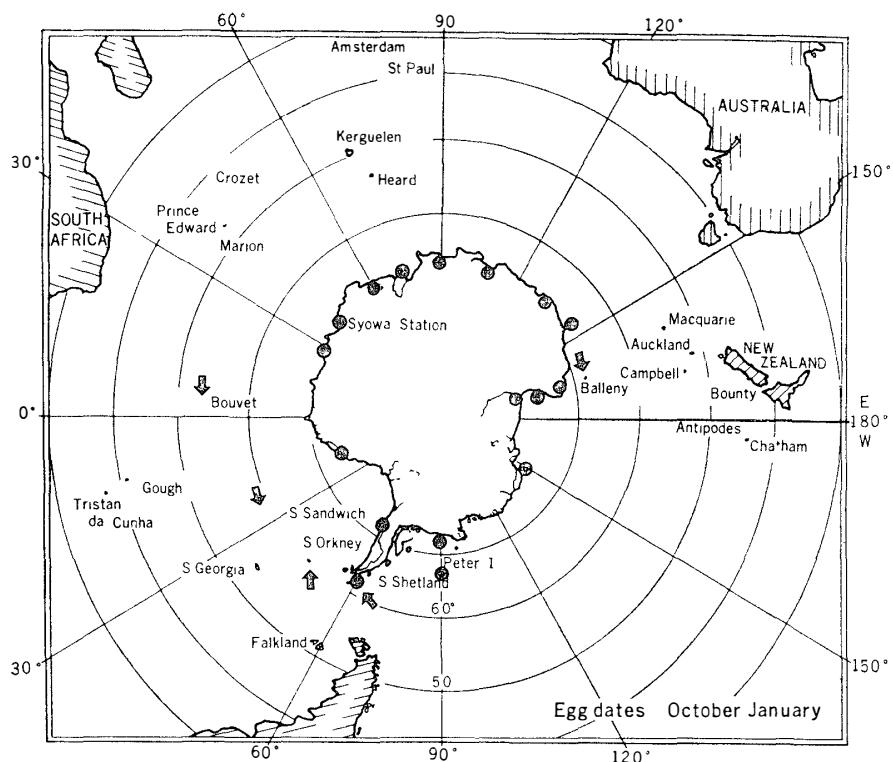


Fig. 26 Map showing the known breeding grounds of Adelie penguin

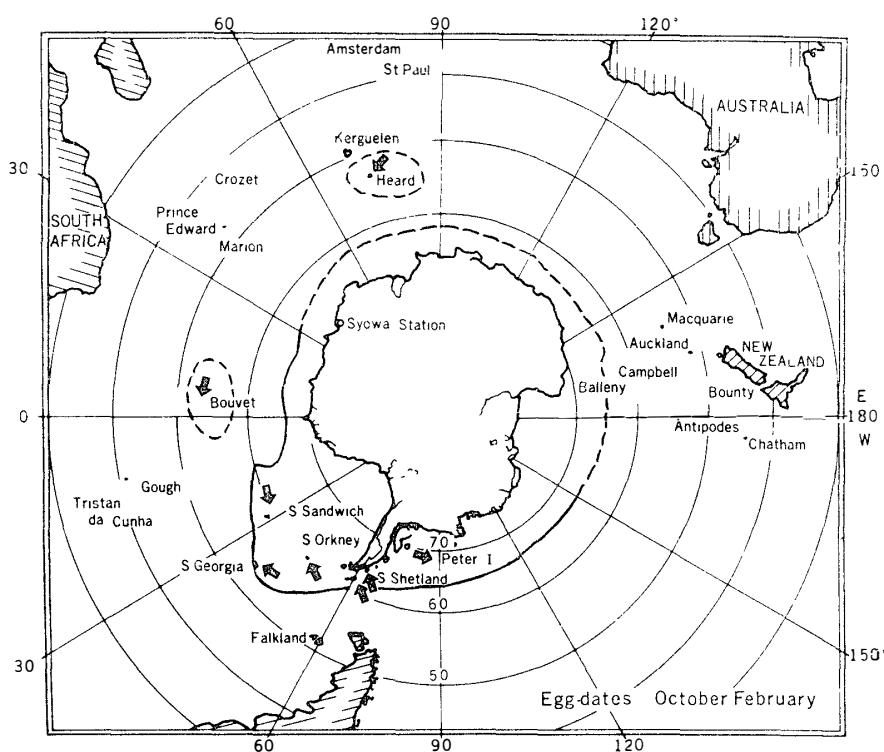


Fig. 27 Map showing the distribution limits of chinstrap penguin



















