

**MOVEMENT OF A MALLARD FROM NEW ZEALAND TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Amongst the earlier records of free-flying Mallards *Anas platyrhynchos* mentioned by Parker *et al.* (1985. **An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of South Australia** 2A: 9) is one from "Narrung (?1963)". I believe it refers to a Mallard shot at Narrung Narrows in February 1963 by K. A. Heddle, the details for which are published here for the first time. This bird was banded as a *ca* five month old juvenile female on 22 February 1961 at Lake Tuakito-to, about 60 km W of Dunedin, South Island, New Zealand. It

had a white breast-band, an aberrant plumage found amongst some Mallards around the banding site. This aberration was noted both when the bird was banded and when it was shot. I know of no other record of a Mallard banded in New Zealand and recovered in Australia.

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