

Aurora Point, 17.XII.1957, nest of *Pterodroma lessoni*, leg. G. M. Dunnet: 1 ♀ (Dunnet, 1961: 44).

Without exact locality, host or date: 2 ♂ 2 ♀ (de Meillon, 1952: 8).

Although not necessarily originally a parasite of penguins, this flea was "very numerous in nests of the Rockhopper Penguin (*Eudyptes cristatus*), particularly in those without much lining, where they were quite visible among the small stones in the cup of the nest" (Dunnet, 1961: 44). The same flea occurs on one of the Auckland Islands, Heard Island, Kerguelen Islands (where it was also found to be numerous in nests of the Rockhopper Penguin), Marion Island and the Falkland Islands.

I have been able to study a long series of *P. magellanicus* from Kerguelen and Macquarie. These specimens exhibit considerable individual variation, and this shows that these supposed subspecies *P. magellanicus heardi* de Meillon, 1952, cannot be retained as a recognisable taxon (Smit, 1964). The species being so widespread—having presumably been dispersed by petrels—one would not expect any of the populations to remain absolutely isolated for a time sufficiently prolonged for subspecies to evolve.

Parapsyllus longicornis (Enderlein, 1901)

LITTLE BARRIER ISLAND

Near the homestead, III.1954, from *Rattus exulans*, leg. J. S. Watson: 2 ♂ 1 ♀ (DSIR).

GOAT ISLAND

22.XII.1955, from burrow of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 3 ♀ (CW); 9.XI.1955, from burrow of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 1 ♂ 3 ♀ (CW).

NORTH ISLAND

Mahurangi Heads, 29.XII.1954, from nest of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 1 ♂ (CW); 2.I.1955, from nest of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 1 ♂ (CW); 13.I.1955 and 24.I.1955, from nest of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 1 ♂ 1 ♀ (CW); 5.XI.1955, from young *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 5 ♂ 5 ♀ (CW, BM); 5.XI.1955, from burrow of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 3 ♂ 14 ♀ (CW, BM); 6.XI.1955, from burrow of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. C. Wallace: 10 ♂ 25 ♀, also "numerous outside burrow" (CW, BM).

Somes Island, 26.VII.1956, from body of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. F. C. Kinsky: 1 ♀ (DM); 10.XI.1956, from nest of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. F. C. Kinsky: 2 ♂ 6 ♀ (DM); 8.XII.1956, from nest of *Eudyptula minor*, leg. F. C. Kinsky: 1 ♂ 1 ♀ (DM).

Days Bay, 15.V.1952, from *Eudyptula minor*: 1 ♂ 3 ♀ (DM).

Lyall Bay, 9.III.1954, from *Diomedea epomophora* (cast up on beach), leg. R. A. Falla: 1 ♀ (DM).

Petone, 6.XI.1960, from *Eudyptula minor*, leg. R. A. Falla: 1 ♀ (DM).