

A Survey of Beach-washed Seabirds near Ballina, New South Wales

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A survey of seabirds beach-washed near Ballina in northern N.S.W. was undertaken from January 1976 to December 1979. A total of 504 individuals of 29 species was found. Short-tailed Shearwaters *Puffinus tenuirostris* comprised 75% of all birds. Seabirds were found beach-washed at a rate of 1.2 birds per kilometre. There is some evidence that fewer birds are beach-washed in northern N.S.W. than further south and that the proportion of Short-tailed Shearwaters in the beach-washed assemblage is also lower.