

## NEW BREEDING LOCALITY DATA FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN SEABIRDS

## Kelp Gull

*Larus dominicanus*

Sixtythree breeding localities have been recorded for the Kelp Gull in southern Africa (Crawford *et al.* 1982, *Ostrich* 53: 164-179; Cooper 1984, *Cormorant* 12: 109; Cooper 1987, *Cormorant* 14: 52). Three more localities may now be added to this total.

A nest with two eggs was found at Vermont Soutpan (34 25S, 19 10E), southwestern Cape, South Africa on 19 November 1984. The nest was approximately one kilometre from the coast (Roberts 1985, *Promerops* 167: 10).

Two chicks were found on 21 December 1985 on

the beach a few kilometres north of Yzerfontein (33 20S, 18 08E) southwestern Cape, (G. Avery & G.D. Underhill, Southern African Ornithological Society nest record card).

An area of bush at Pelican Park (34 04S, 18 35E) southwestern Cape, was cleared during 1986 and became the site of a large colony of Kelp Gulls over the 1987/88 breeding season. The breeding population was estimated at 150 pairs during weekly checks.

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