

Wildlife observations in the South Shetland Islands

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In the course of geological studies during February 1980 (cruises 80-1 and 80-2 of R/V *Hero*) landings were made at a number of localities in the South Shetland Islands (see figure 1 in Elliot and Askin, this volume, for localities).

This note records observations made on the wildlife at these localities; the list is by no means exhaustive except possibly for President Head. No attempt has been made to estimate numbers or density in the breeding colonies,

except to note that on Cape Wallace the penguins are numerous.

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Locality	Species	Remarks
Byers Peninsula		See figure 1. Data given are not comprehensive. Large numbers of penguins and fulmars were seen on various promontories along the western shore, but no inspection was made for nests.
President Head, Snow Island		See figure 2.
Cape Wallace,		See figure 3. ^a Data given are not comprehensive. Chinstrap penguin colonies on headlands are packed.
Low Island		
False Bay, Livingston Island	Skuas	On elevated beaches northeast of Charity Glacier
Duff Point, Greenwich	Skuas	A few.
Cave Island		No nests seen.

^a Fur seals along the southeast beach appeared to have young with them, but whether the beach is a pupping ground is by no means certain.

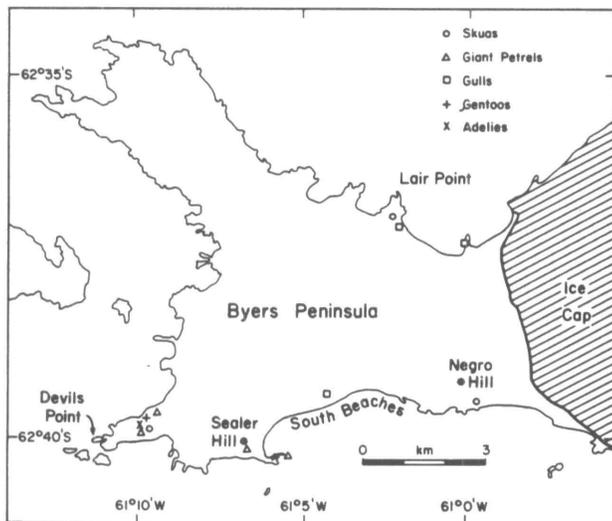


Figure 1. Locality map for Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island.

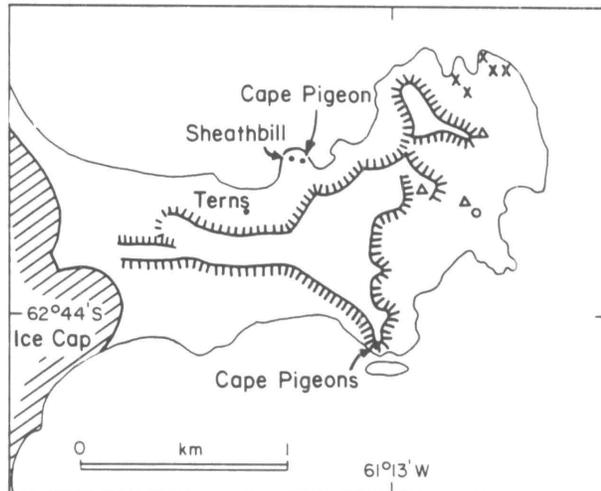


Figure 2. Locality map for President Head, Snow Island. Symbols as in figure 1.

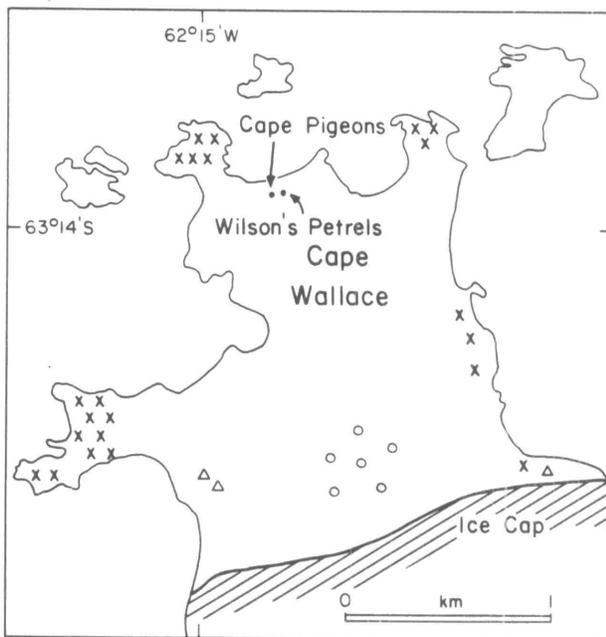


Figure 3. Locality map for Cape Wallace, Low Island. Symbols as in figure 1.

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