

NEW BREEDING LOCALITY DATA FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA SEABIRDS

Jackass Penguin

Spheniscus demersus

Twentyeight breeding localities are known for the Jackass Penguin. Four localities are recently discovered small (1-20 breeding pairs) colonies on the mainland of southern Africa (Shelton *et al.* 1984 *S. Afr. J. Mar. Sci.* 2: 217-257; Loutit & Boyer 1985 *Cormorant* 13:27-30). A fifth mainland breeding locality is near The Boulders (34 12S, 18 27E) on the east side of the Cape Peninsula, South Africa, where a single pair, breeding under an overhanging rock close to the sea, hatched a single egg on 3 May 1985. A single egg had been laid at this site on 30 March, giving an incubation period of 34 days. A second pair of penguins was present at a nest site at the same locality in mid-May 1985 but had not laid by the time of writing. A pair of penguins had previously occupied this nest site during October-December 1984 but did not lay (P. Chadwick *in litt.*). No penguins were present at the locality on 17 June 1985 (G.D. La Cock pers. comm.).

Two other recently established Jackass Penguin colonies have continued to expand in size. At Robben Island (33 48S, 18 22E) I counted 86 occupied nests on 4 May 1985, an increase from the previous census of 24 nest sites in May 1984 (Shelton *et al.* 1984). In May 1985 there were 85 pairs of penguins in various stages of breeding under 11 low *Myoporum serratum* and *Acacia cyclops* bushes (1-23 nests per bush) just above highwater mark and one nest was found slightly farther inland under wooden planking, all c. 500 m north of Murray Harbour. Approximately 10 adult (one of which was seen to be flipper banded) and five juvenile penguins were seen on the adjacent shoreline. At Stony Point (34 22S, 18 54E) 10 occupied nest sites were counted on 13 June 1985 (G.D. La Cock pers. comm.), an increase over the previous highest published total of four on 1 June 1984 (Shelton *et al.* 1984).

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