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### **Order CHARADRIIFORMES: Waders, Gulls and Terns**

The family sequence of Christidis & Boles (1994), who adopted that of Sibley *et al.* (1988) and Sibley & Monroe (1990), is followed here.

### **Family HAEMATOPODIDAE Bonaparte: Oystercatchers**

Haematopodinae Bonaparte, 1838: *Syn. Vert. Syst.*: 28 – Type genus *Haematopus* Linnaeus, 1758.

### **Genus *Haematopus* Linnaeus**

*Haematopus* Linnaeus, 1758: *Syst. Nat., 10th edition 1*: 152 – Type species (by monotypy) *Haematopus ostralegus* Linnaeus.

*Ostralega* Brisson, 1760: *Ornithologie 1*: 46 – Type species (by tautonymy) *Haematopus ostralegus* Linnaeus.

### ***Haematopus chathamensis* Hartert**

### **Chatham Island Oystercatcher**

*Haematopus ostralegus chathamensis* Hartert, 1927: *Novit. Zool.* 34: 17 – Chatham Islands.

*Haematopus unicolor chathamensis* Hartert; Checklist Committee 1953, *Checklist N.Z. Birds*: 42.

*Haematopus longirostris chathamensis* Hartert; Oliver 1955, *New Zealand Birds*, 2nd edition: 248.

*Haematopus chathamensis* Hartert; Checklist Committee 1970, *Annot. Checklist Birds N.Z.*: 44.

Endemic to Chatham Islands. Found on both rocky coastlines and sandy beaches of Chatham, Pitt, South East, and Mangere Islands, and occasionally the Star Keys. Numbers have increased substantially in recent years in response to management. Total population c. 290 birds by 2004, most on north Chatham Island beaches (Schmechel & O'Connor 1999, Aikman & Miskelly 2004). A recent study of mtDNA by Banks & Paterson (2007) supported the recognition of the Chatham Island oystercatcher as a full species.