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Dunnock: p 237.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis* (Linnaeus 1758)  
1867 Auckland & Christchurch

“It was Captain Stevens who brought the first hedge-sparrow to the colony, and, it is claimed, to the Southern Hemisphere. It came in the “Matoaka” together with the first house-sparrows. It was the only survivor of a consignment. For a long time it was an object of interest in the society's grounds in Christchurch, many people journeying to the gardens to see the stranger” (Drummond 1906).

47 Dunnocks were released at Auckland between 1867 and 1875 (Thomson 1922). The first nests were found in 1873. Other Acclimatisation Societies also released birds, which became rapidly established.

