

feathers. He washed the colour out of their wings with soap and water till the feathers were almost white, the bright red colour, however, returned directly they were dry, and this occurred even when the same bird was washed twice in the same day.

The red colouring matter is scarcely at all soluble in pure water, but on the addition of the slightest trace of alkali it is readily dissolved, and yields a blood-red solution.

For notes on *P. N. Zealandiæ*, see *H. N. M. Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist.*, 1877, p. 85.