




L12: 1/- TUI, TYPE (Recess)

A number of New Zealand birds are song less, but the beautiful Tui is a notable exception. It is an inimitable songster, a remarkable mimic, and it can be taught to talk. Between 30 and 38 centimetres in length, the Tui has two tufts of white feathers at its throat, a collar of long white curved feathers on the back of its neck, and a touch of white on the angle of its wings. Its body is in two shades of brown, and its wings and neck feathers are iridescent, gleaming green or blue according to the play of light on the feathers.

Artist: Mr L.C.Mitchell, Wellington **Colour:** Bottle Green

	L12a	L12b	L12c	L12d
Issue	Original issue	Watermark Change to water- mark W 8		Final Issue
Date	1935 May 1	1936 April	1941 Nov	1942 March
Printer	De La Rue & Sons	De La Rue & Sons	Waterlow & Sons	De La Rue & Sons
Perforation	De La Rue & Sons 14 * 13 ½	De La Rue & Sons 14 * 13 ½	Waterlow & Sons 12 ½	De La Rue & Sons 14 * 13 ½
Plate	A1	A1	A1	A1
Watermark	 W 7	 W 8	 W 8	 W 8
Paper	Esparto	Esparto Medium Thin	Esparto Thick	Royal Cypher
Colour	 Deep green	 Deep Green	 Green	 Deep green