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Brown Teal (Pateke), *Anas chlorotis* G.R. Gray 1845, Endemic
1840 New Zealand

Oliver stated that Percy Earl first collected the Brown Teal in 1840, when he forwarded specimens to the British Museum. Earl said it “was found on banks of fast-flowing streams of both islands” (Fleming 1983).

It was actually first recorded on Cook's second voyage, but not named until 1845 by G. R. Gray. Cook wrote in May 1773 about the ducks found at Dusky Sound during April: “The last sort is a good deal like a teal, and very common, I am told, in England”, which appears to refer to the Brown Teal. The Brown Teal was not described or figured by the Forsters. Potts found the first nest in 1870 in Canterbury.

South Island Brown Teal, *Anas chlorotis peculiaris* (Mathews 1937)

Mathews described it on the basis of it being smaller than the North Island form. This form is considered *Threatened* (Nationally Critical), by Miskelly et al. (2009). It was not mentioned in the 2010 Checklist.