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Common Waterhen *Gallinula chloropus indica* Blyth 1842, Vagrant (1)
1910 Otago

A Canterbury Museum specimen (CM Av2437) previously identified as Black-tailed Nativehen from W. Smyth's collection, was re-identified as this species (Turbott & Scarlett 1964). It was thought to have come from Otago, between 1895 and 1910, but there are no confirmatory details regarding time or place of collection. This is another of the vagrants accepted by Checklist Committee (OSNZ) (2010), which would seem likely to have closer scrutiny required.