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**Hodgens' Waterhen** *Gallinula hodgenorum* (Scarlett 1955)

Ron Scarlett (1955) described the species from bones found in the Pyramid Valley swamp. Taxonomic confusion then ensued, it being listed in no fewer than seven different genera and three specific names subsequently (Worthy & Holdaway 2002).

**SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES**

This species is considered to have become extinct since human settlement in the 14th century.