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Southern Buller's Albatross *Thalassarche bulleri bulleri* (Rothschild 1893), Endemic
1893 New Zealand

Specimens of this species were referred to as Grey-headed Albatross by Buller (1873), before being distinguished in 1893 by Rothschild. The first specimens had been obtained before 1870 from the coast of South Island. Buller (1877) described one caught on 12/7/1877 in Wellington as a Shy Albatross. The type specimen in Tring was said to have come from the Snares by "A.H." (Anon. 1910).

Northern Buller's Albatross *Thalassarche bulleri platei* (Reichenow 1898), Endemic
1926 Forty-fours, Chatham Islands

It was recorded in 1926 at the Forty-fours, Chatham Islands. Although described in 1898 from Chile, it was apparently not accepted as a distinct form until 1979 in Peter's Checklist (Wright 1984). However, the bird described by Reichenow as *Thalassarche platei* may be an immature *T. b. bulleri* (Robertson & Nunn 1998). Murphy (1930) early on referred to it as being mis-identified.

Dawson (1973) made no reference to separate subspecies, beyond discussing the different breeding cycles of the northern and southern populations. Holdaway et al. (2001) doubt this form is separable from Buller's at a specific level. More recently, it has been considered at most a subspecies of Buller's, and even this may not be valid (Double 2006).