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**Australasian Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae novaehollandiae* (Stephens 1826), Coloniser  
April 1968 Arrowtown, Otago  
1977 Norfolk Island

New Zealand's relaxed attitude to rare birds was very much emphasized by this record when seven months after its original discovery, G.R. Chance (1969) relocated this bird. Marsh Small had observed a dabchick of Australian origin on a small dam near Arrowtown in April. G.R. Chance photographed it in November the same year. It would be interesting to know why such a long period of time had elapsed between the first and the second sightings. One was on Norfolk Island in November 2009, and they had been recorded previously in late 1977 (Schodde et al. 1983).