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**Northern Gentoo Penguin** *Pygoscelis papua papua* (Forster 1781), Native  
10/01/1840 Macquarie Island

The American Exploring Expedition under Commander Wilkes first recorded this species at Macquarie Island in 1840 (Peale 1848). Peale described this species as the White-cocade Penguin *Aptenodytes taeniata* in 1848, but Forster had already described it in 1781 from the Falklands.

The first mainland record was a female on 22/9/1970 at St Kilda Beach, Otago Peninsula. This bird was retained as a museum specimen, which generated some controversy as to the ethics of killing an apparently healthy bird. Others have been recorded on the mainland at Dunedin (September 1970), Bluff (November 1970), Catlins (October 1974) and Banks Peninsula (February 1976; December 1993). Macquarie Island birds may be specifically distinct from Falkland birds (Tavares & Baker 2008).