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Some years after Robert Murphy had described this species from Chilean seas, he suggested that the Royal Albatross breeding on the Chatham Islands was this form (Murphy 1936). Falla (1938) agreed with this diagnosis. An account of Royal Albatross discovery is given by Westerskov (1961).